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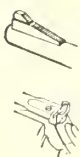
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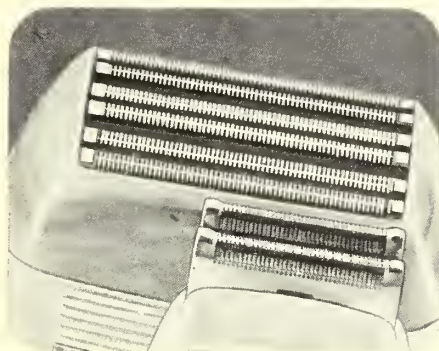


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Sir: I'm tired of seeing the public hoodwinked because the press and radio persist in describing a lot of socialist phonies as "liberals." Let's get the record straight, so people aren't tricked into supporting these Marxists and semi-Marxists in the mistaken belief that they are really honest liberals. Everyone is for liberals, but the once-proud term is rapidly losing its meaning when you consider whom it's being applied to. I say, let's refer to these left-wingers as Socialist Democrats or Socialist Republicans so there will be no mistaking. Then let the public choose them or reject them as they wish.

Henry P. Ervinson
Brooklyn

SMALL GUY, BIG RECORD

Sir: Bandon Post #26 believes that we have the smallest regular shortstop in Legion Junior Baseball. He is five feet and weighs only one hundred pounds. He played every inning of every game. If any team has any smaller regular players we would like to know about it. Our team record for regular season play was eight wins and no losses, in district play-off one win and two losses.

Bill Biggar
Bandon, Oregon

NOW PRESIDENT

Sir: In regard to the letter of Arthur Coleman in the August issue of *Sound Off* and Columbia University accepting \$10,000 a year from communist-dominated Poland, I think it should be mentioned that Dr. Coleman resigned this position from the faculty of Columbia because of it. Dr. Coleman is now President of Polish National Alliance-sponsored Alliance College, and is a great champion of the anti-communist cause. He is also a Legionnaire.

Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Cambridge Springs, Pa.

CHEERS FOR ANDELSON

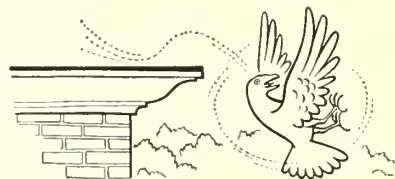
Sir: I desire to congratulate the author, Mr. Robert Vernon Andelson, for his fine article *You Conform Or Else* in the August issue. I admire his Americanism and courage to attack the background of communism in the educational institution of which he was a

member. Isn't it strange how the deceitful, lying communists fooled the timid men of learning? I have always contended that education is worthless unless you know how to make use of it. Liberty means responsibility and that is why timid men dread it. God bless you, my boy!

F. B. Trisko
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir: I'm 13 so I may be crazy but Robert Vernon Andelson is right about Chicago U. My brother was going to go there but there has been a change of plans.

Oscar Dion, Jr.
Barre, Vt.



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Sir: Troubled with pigeons? Apply a coating of heavy cup grease on their roosting places. Cup grease is slippery and because of this the pigeons cannot obtain a foothold, and they slide right off your building! Why didn't somebody think of this a long time ago?

Ed Batzner
Milwaukee 5, Wisc.

LIMOUSINE LIBERALS

Sir: For the past twenty years in our country, we have produced a strange type of people. For a better name, I call them "Limousine Liberals." Our city streets are rolling with them; they predominate at things called "cocktail parties." At the present time they are in a state of anguish. They gather in groups holding forth in regard to the cruel treatment meted out to their friends, Willie and Percy, by those disgusting committees of Congress investigating infiltration of communists into our Government. It seems that Willie and Percy, while holding high positions in our Government, played footsie with the conomics, joined a number of front organizations, became known as outstanding liberal intellectuals, attended little study groups and intimate dinner parties, etc., etc., etc., etc., and gave themselves one H--- of a big time. Now some-

one in Congress has stepped on one of their pink toes, wants to know how come, and a howl goes up from the Limousine Liberals. Now Willie and Percy are not dumb clucks. They undoubtedly figured come the revolution they would ride into Washington as Commissars while I remain one of the Proletariat. NUTS!! A gift from me to you: you can have them—all of them.

Pendleton Turner
Washington, D. C.

UNIFORM SUPPLY

Sir: It seems that most vets do not object to parade duty but their excuses are usually that they lack their uniform, or that the one they have is too small. Could the various Posts create a department in which they could have a reasonable supply of uniforms, in varied sizes to lend out or even rent (such funds to help defray cost of the garment) on parade occasions? Perhaps one Post located in a large city could relay from a supply to the smaller Posts. There are so many who should be in the parades Memorial Day, Independence Day, etc., and many would if they had a uniform.

Frances P. Niskanen
Toledo, Ohio

NOT THE ANSWER

Sir: The flippant question asked by Mr. Hutchinson of Rutgers in your July issue, i.e., have the anti-World Federalists a better plan to prevent atomic war and world conquest by communism, is oftentimes asked by the One-Worlders. It is based upon the nebulous assumption, that World Federalism will prevent war and world communism, which we anti-One-Worlders believe entirely erroneous. The bad feature about the question, though, is its perfectly intended, but highly illogical, implication that if we anti-One-Worlders don't have a solution to the problem, then World Federalism must be the answer. It is as logical to say that if you don't think aspirin will cure a broken arm, you must be wrong...

Mark W. Kelly
Jackson, Mich.

BUNDLES FOR RUSSIA

Sir: Reading Editor's Corner for August I noted your comments in re Edward Murrow and his fabulous salary—topping the salaries paid to many top men in industry. You mention Alcoa as one of Murrow's sponsors. It happens in re-reading W. L. White's *Report on the Russians* I find (page 44) in describing a Russian plane, White mentions Alcoa. He says: "... and all the aluminum I see here is stamped Alcoa." White also mentions (page 51), "On a railway siding ... we see piles of 12,000 tons of

American machinery—a complete Ford tire plant crated and sent to Russia last year." (Probably 1944.) White mentions a Gordon plasticator which they say was formerly used in the River Rouge plant. It seems some Americans must have large investments in Russia.

Evva S. Tomb
Toledo, Ohio

▼ More likely, this was some of the billions of lend-lease we handed our ever-loving allies, the communists.

Editors

DIVVY THE LOAD

Sir: If the Governors of 48 States had each the guts to take back his State's relief load, divide it out to each county, believe me, handled locally it would soon be non-existent. The tons of files kept on the aggregate mess might be used as a huge bonfire to celebrate putting citizens back on their own, and giving them a leg of pride to stand on... once again... a return to the old road of freedom and independence. I have seen this cancerous thing destroying a strong, clean country now for more than 20 years. I was among the first WPA and FERA case-workers and I really thought it was to help the poor....

Vivian Mollitt
Crossville, Tenn.

FAN LETTER

Sir: How long will it be before a certain old codger makes the cover of *Life Magazine*? I refer to the fishy senator who has been floundering his way into the headlines with certain flanderous remarks. As his reward he is getting the usual treatment from the usual press and radio characters. Soon he ought to be up there with Weeping Boy Welch. Don't they need an alderman back in Vermont?

Marcus A. Herran
New York City

CRACKPOTS

Sir: The American Legion Magazine is proving to be the singular spokesman of a bunch of crackpots for whom the vital communist issue is nothing more than a political baseball to be fungoed out to whatever part of the field is most politically expedient.

Jim Monica
Sacramento, Calif.

WHEN DOES HE EAT?

Sir: When you publish such articles as *Money Talks*, in the August issue, that is more than I can stomach. I am not interested in how much money General Motors, General Electric, General Foods or any of the other Generals are going to spend. I am only interested in how long can I eat.

Rudy Hall
Cave In Rock, Ill.

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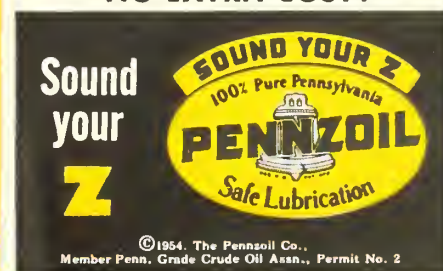
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We've yet to find a Legionnaire who was particularly annoyed at being accused of patriotism, but as long as we are expected to wave Old Glory we might as well know exactly how it ought to be done. As members of the Legion, we are supposed to know the right way of displaying the flag of our country, and if we show any ignorance on this score, that fact seldom goes unnoticed.

For that reason we refer you to page 22, where Clarence Harper tells how to *Treat the Flag Right*. Read it, and save it for future reference.

NICE GOING

THE FORD FOUNDATION is to be congratulated on the wonderful publicity break it got in *The New York Times*, Sunday, July 25, when it made the front page with a story saying the charges against the Foundation by witnesses at Congressional hearings were the "sheerest nonsense."

To help bulk out the Foundation's clipping books, the *Times* also filled its editorial columns of pages 46, 47 and 48 with other material lauding the fine work being done by the organization. (Ads from Macy's, Gimbels, etc., took care of the rest of those pages.) Because it feels so strongly about Foundations, the *Times* has had a whole series of editorials castigating those who are so ill-mannered as to question those billion-dollar bonanzas.

We are quite sure that the *Times* is as sincere as usual in all this indignation, and no nice person should see any connection between all this and the fact that Lester Markel, Sunday editor of the *Times*, heads up a Ford Foundation project which has received \$325,000 from the Ford Foundation to date.

The *Times* slogan "All the news that's fit to print" explains everything perfectly. All this Ford Foundation stuff fits—perfectly.

The Sunday *Times* performed another of its singular scoops on August 1st when it persuaded Paul Draper to contribute a lengthy essay dealing with the dance. This opus appeared in the section devoted to TV, travel, gardening and other fine arts. In case you've forgotten, Draper is the hooper who got out of town with his boon companion Larry Adler, the noted mouth organist, when their law-

suit against Hester McCullough backfired. Now, figuring that the heat is off, both performers are, as they say, "available."

ANY SUGGESTIONS?

ON PAGE 22, Robert Uhl gives some advice on *How to Behave Like a Sportsman*. Actually, this is a starter on a book that Bob is doing on this same subject. When you've read the article, if you can add something to the book, address your ideas to Rod & Gun Editor of this magazine.

Speaking of books, Brig. Gen. David M. Shoup, USMC, has asked us to call attention to Bob Sherrod's book *Tarawa — The Story of a Battle*. There's more than a good book involved, since all the profits will go into a fund with which the Second Marine Division Association will finance college educations for sons and daughters of the Division's heroic dead. Copies of a special Tenth Anniversary Edition of *Tarawa* may be ordered from The Tarawa Book Fund Association, c/o Brig. Gen. D. M. Shoup, P.O. Box 2042, Potomac Station, Alexandria, Va., at \$2.50.

EGGHEAD LOGIC

RED CHINA must under no circumstances be allowed to shoot her way into the United Nations. However, we must not be adamant about this, since things may be different next week and Red China may break away from the Kremlin. We should therefore keep an open mind and be prepared to welcome Red China to the great brotherhood of nations at the proper time.

We should fight communism abroad with every weapon at our command and should continue to spend billions in the cold war against communism in foreign lands. But there is no danger of communism at home so we should oppose in every way the anti-communists who are giving us a bad name abroad by calling people communists.

Academic freedom must be assured so that there can be a free interchange of ideas, no matter how objectionable. This, however, does not include the right of reactionaries to criticize intellectuals and accuse them of using academic freedom to cloak subversion. Such people should be suppressed, by force if necessary.

SLAPS BACK

IT'S POSITIVELY amazing how, all of a sudden, various people and publications will take it into their heads to go after an individual or a group they don't like. Not long ago, you may have noted, the targets were ex-communists. That is, those ex-communists who were not pleading the Fifth Amendment but were cooperating with the FBI and other agencies. So effective was the crusade against these "informers," as they were labeled, that several of them were given the axe as witnesses. But as a by-product of such crusading against people who had put the finger on communists, the New York *Herald Tribune* is now facing a \$500,000 libel suit. It was filed by Paul Crouch, who refused to stand still for statements made by the Alsop Brothers, whose likes and dislikes are a matter of record.

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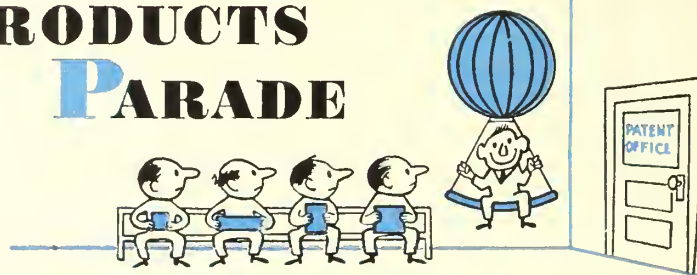
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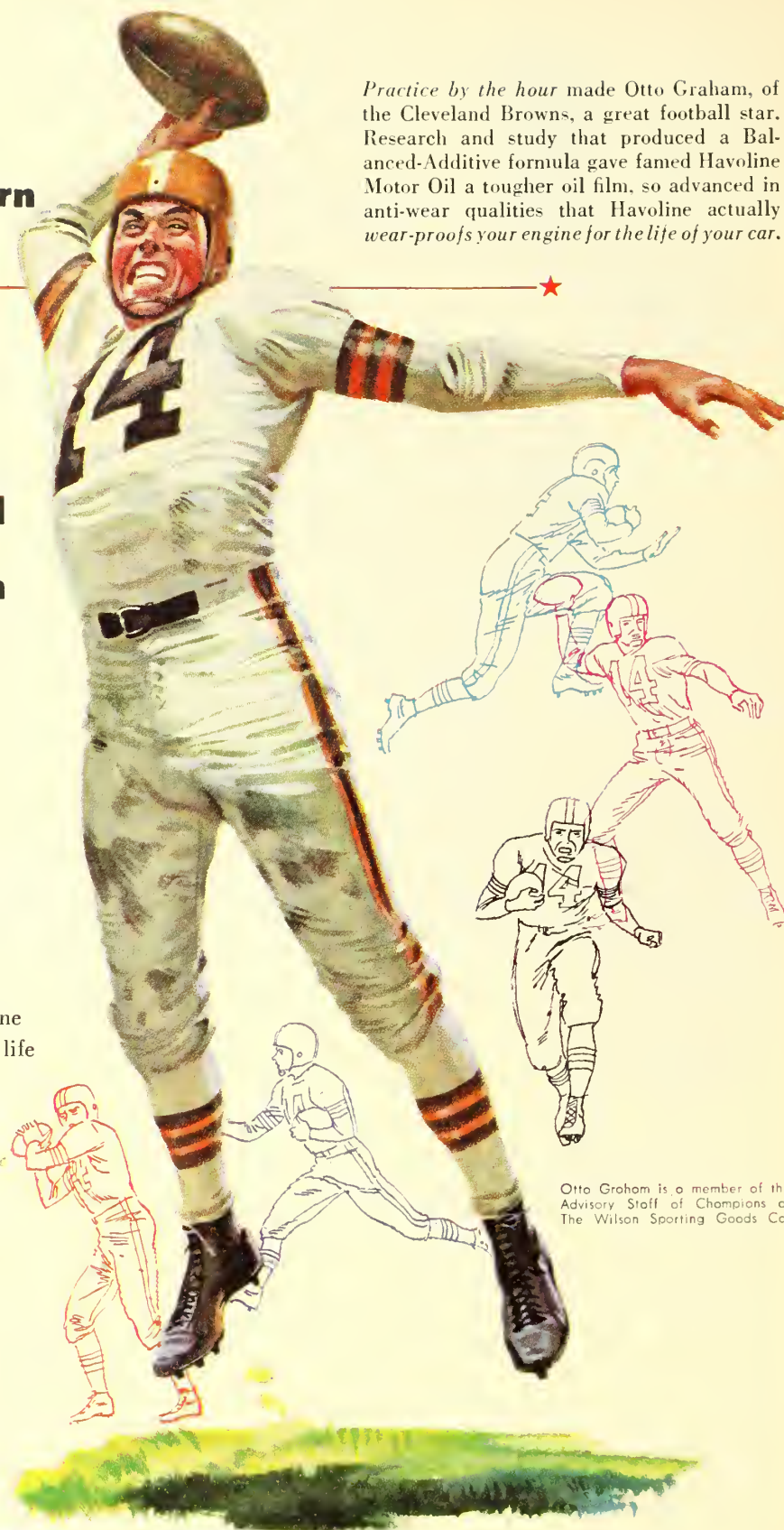
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The Rebellious Hero

By J. C. ORTMAN

The story of a skipper who even licked the Navy.



YOU MAY RECALL a recent news article describing a party in one of the better hotels in San Diego, held by the crew of a Navy destroyer, which turned into a near riot by over-exuberant celebrants.

The article was brief, but mentioned vaguely that the riotous professional seafarers claimed they were celebrating a moral victory of sorts, but they would become incoherent when pressed for a clearer explanation.

I know, because I was just about the

most incoherent person present, and following the traditions of the service we thought it was best to keep our thoughts to ourselves. Further, we felt the average civilian wouldn't comprehend the mumbo-jumbo of service policies no matter how we tried to explain.

Actually, we were throwing a party for our Captain, who was leaving the ship for a new assignment. Our Captain, a member of a prominent Boston family, is probably the first Navy man to be classified as a Rebel since the

Civil War. And with all due respect to the Navy Department, we figure he is the best Captain in the United States Navy.

It began with a request for heroes. No, that's not it. I guess it began when we returned to the States not too long ago, and . . . no, that's not it either. Well, as the Captain's yeoman, (a civilian would call it secretary), I saw all the letters to and from Washington involving my shipmates and our Skipper. They're written in that efficient,



Baker Company's wounded were brought aboard.

(continued) **The REBELLIOUS HERO**

professional government style, but they might show you why I overdid myself toasting our own "Rebellious Hero."

NAVY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

5 January 1954

FROM: BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
MEDALS AND AWARDS SECTION (PERS: Z-7)
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER
USS COMET, (DD-985)
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

SUBJ: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL; REQUEST FOR

REF: (A) BATTLE REPORTS OF BAKER COMPANY, THIRD BATTALION, TENTH DIVISION, U. S. MARINE CORPS, COVERING ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY DURING THE PERIOD OF 28 AND 29 APRIL 1953.

ENCL: (1) EXCERPTS FROM BATTLE REPORTS OF BAKER COMPANY, THIRD BATTALION, TENTH DIVISION, U. S. MARINE CORPS, COVERING ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY DURING THE PERIOD OF 28 AND 29 APRIL 1953.

1. In review of Reference (A) this activity has been authorized to award three Bronze Star Medals to deserving crewmembers of the destroyer *USS Comet*, (DD-985).

2. It is requested that you submit subject recommendations for six crewmen who, in your opinion, performed outstandingly during the period covered by Enclosure (1).

3. This activity will select the three men from your six recommendations whose performances are deemed the most outstanding. It is also suggested that your name be included among those commended.

4. The subject recommendations must be forwarded within thirty days after receipt of this letter.

T. N. TERROR

J. B. Thiswinger
Ensign, USNR
By Direction

ENCLOSURE (1)

SUBJ: EXCERPTS FROM BATTLE REPORTS OF BAKER COMPANY, THIRD BATTALION, TENTH DIVISION, U. S. MARINE CORPS COVERING ACTION DURING THE PERIOD OF 28 AND 29 APRIL 1953.

"On 28 April 1953 during a concentrated attack against enemy forces on the West Coast of Korea, near the 38th Parallel, Baker Company of the Third Battalion engaged in fierce combat at approximately 0900 hours. After an hour of attack, and in turn repelling attacks to hold position, it became apparent that the enemy had surrounded Baker Company and cut off all means of rejoining the main forces. They (the enemy) immediately set in operation a concentrated small arms and mortar attack inflicting heavy casualties. Baker Company gradually lost position and was forced to withdraw toward the sea, finally digging in on the shore line.

"After nearly four hours of intensive fighting, in many cases hand-to-hand combat, it was realized that there was little chance of survival. It was decided, however, by the men of Baker Company, that there would be no surrendering and the survivors would remain in position until the exhaustion of supplies, or to the last man.

"At 1500 hours, 28 April 1953, the spirits of Baker Company improved, when steaming into sight was a Fleet Destroyer, later identified as the *USS Comet* (DD-985). Hopes dimmed slightly when it was realized that the waters surrounding Baker Company's position probably were mined and the destroyer would therefore not be able to give much, if any, support.

"The destroyer, however, disregarding its own safety steamed on and soon came under fire from enemy shore batteries positioned in the hills. Her gun crews immediately went into action and started returning fire. The destroyer steamed forward until near enough to shore to come under fire from the enemy's small arms and mortars. Shortly, the enemy gave relief to Baker Company and concentrated the majority of their fire on the Navy destroyer which steamed back and forth offshore. The excellent gunnery of the destroyer was evident when, one by one, enemy gun emplacements were silenced by a devastating bombardment. (It was later found that the *USS Comet* herself received two direct hits and many near misses, suffering seventeen casualties.)

"Throughout the remainder of the day, and through the night, the destroyer steamed offshore dueling with, and destroying, enemy emplacements. Because of the destroyer's presence Baker Company was able to give aid to the wounded and repel two minor attacks by the enemy during the night.

"On the morning of 29 April 1953, Baker Company still held position near the sea, and with the help of the destroyer exchanged intermittent fire with the enemy. At approximately 0730 hours a small boat was launched from the destroyer and made its way, under enemy fire, through the surf to Baker Company's position. The Captain of the *USS Comet* offered to take aboard the survivors of Baker Company and return them to United Nations-held territory.

"It was decided, however, to remove the wounded and dead, and the rest of Baker Company would attempt breaking through the enemy's defense in that his position had been greatly weakened. This was agreed upon, and small boats from the destroyer made many hazardous trips to the beach and eventually removed all of Baker Company's casualties.

"At approximately 1000 hours Baker Company was able to penetrate the enemy's defense, with supporting fire from the *USS Comet*, and rejoin United Nations forces."

U.S.S. COMET (DD-985)

14 January 1954

FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER
USS COMET (DD-985)
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET
TO: BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
MEDALS AND AWARDS SECTION (PERS: Z-7)
WASHINGTON, D. C.
SUBJ: BRONZE STAR MEDAL AWARDS; DECLINING OF
REF: (A) YOUR LETTER DATED 5 JANUARY 1954
(B) BATTLE REPORTS OF BAKER COMPANY

1. In reply to Reference (A) it is felt that this command must decline subject awards because there are no six men who can be singled out as performing more outstandingly than their shipmates.

2. I believe Reference (B) will support my assumptions that an engagement with the enemy, such as the *Comet's* on 28 and 29 April 1953, can only be carried out successfully when all hands participate equally in carrying out their assigned battle station duties.

3. The ship's company of the *Comet* feels honored, however, to have been selected for subject awards.

Charles R. Taylor
Commander, U. S. Navy
Commanding

NAVY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

19 January 1954

FROM: BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
MEDALS AND AWARDS SECTION (PERS: Z-7)
WASHINGTON, D. C.
TO: COMMANDING OFFICER
USS COMET (DD-985)
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET
SUBJ: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL; REQUEST FOR
REF: (A) OUR LETTER DATED 5 JANUARY 1954
(B) BATTLE REPORTS OF BAKER COMPANY
(C) YOUR LETTER DATED 14 JANUARY 1954

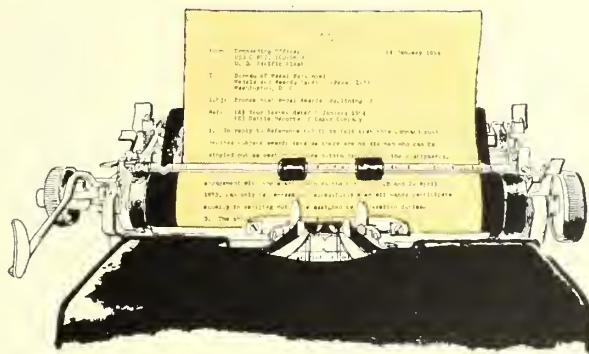
1. In reply to Reference (C) it is again requested that you carry out the instructions of Reference (A) regarding action as stated in Reference (B).

2. Although this activity admires your loyalty to the men of the *USS Comet*, it is felt that you should be able to commend some men as more outstanding than others.

3. Subject recommendations must be forwarded within fourteen days after receipt of this letter.

T. N. TERROR

H. B. Schmogle
Lieutenant, USN
By Direction



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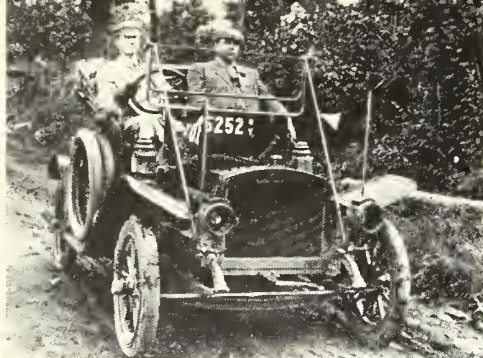
U.S.S. COMET (DD-985)

1 February 1954

FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER
USS COMET (DD-985)
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

TO: BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
MEDALS AND AWARDS SECTION (PERS: Z-7)
WASHINGTON, D. C.
SUBJ: NAMES OF CREWMEN RECOMMENDED FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL; FORWARDING OF
REF: (A) YOUR LETTER DATED 5 JANUARY 1954
(B) BATTLE REPORTS OF BAKER COMPANY
(C) MY LETTER DATED 14 JANUARY 1954
(D) YOUR LETTER DATED 19 JANUARY 1954
ENCL: (1) LIST OF NAMES OF CREWMEN SERVING ABOARD USS COMET WHO ARE RECOMMENDED FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. As requested in Reference (A) and (D), crewmen of the *USS Comet* are hereby recommended for the Bronze Star Medal for action performed as detailed in Reference (B).
(Continued on page 39)



In the good old days traffic was no problem. It was just hard to find the roads.

KNOW

By DICK REDDY

HOW WELL DOES your driving measure up to today's cars and today's driving conditions? Before you dig out that old snapshot to prove that you soloed years ago in a Stevens-Duryea or an Apperson Jackrabbit, remember that there has been a major revolution in car design in the past ten years. As a result, the whole owner approach to getting the maximum in utility, comfort, safety and economy from the automobile has changed within a decade. So, if your driving dates back to the days when Elsie Janis was selling gold-enameled spare wheels ("As necessary to motoring as the sun to a Summer's day"), or even to the period shortly before the last war, you may be due for a refresher course in car know-how.

The revolution in car design is far more than sales talk. Cars have changed not only in body and engine design, but in performance, operation, and even in maintenance. Horsepower, for instance, which rose almost imperceptibly for forty years, has increased sharply almost overnight, and makes that claimed a modest 85 or 90 only a few years ago, now boast 120 and higher, while ratings of 200 and more are not uncommon.

Automatic transmissions, introduced just before the war, are accepted as naturally as the self-starter. Power brakes and power steering are available in even the cheapest makes, while push-button windows no longer excite comment, and air conditioning is an accepted accessory. The almost universal availability of most of these "luxuries" is a revolution indeed, when we consider that just about the only touch of refinement that was once available to the average motorist was a cut-glass flower vase.

To find out if the average motorist is getting the most out of the current cars I recently spoke to dealers, independent repairmen, body shop owners, engineers, even policemen and state troopers, from New England to Illinois. Here is what they told me and showed me:

A New York City motorcycle cop commented on higher horsepower:

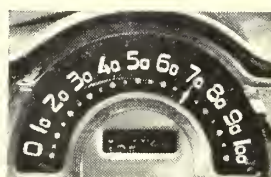
"The old alibi 'I didn't know I was going that fast' isn't the gag it used to be. A lot of these people in new cars just don't realize how much quieter and peppier the post-war



cars are. As a result, they roll along at 50 and 60 with no more sensation of speed than they used to feel at 35. Some of them, when I tell them how fast they were really going, look at me as though I'm running a speed trap. Most of them just don't believe me. I've noticed, too, that it's the older drivers who are most surprised. There's not much point in asking them why they weren't watching their speedometers. Any driver who takes his eyes off the road in this traffic is a dead duck."

His opinion was backed up by policemen and troopers in other States. Almost all of them agreed that the post-war speed-up had caught a lot of drivers unaware that they were driving consistently faster. Local police blamed this for the fact that today there are frequent accidents where accidents were formerly rare. Highway curves are a case in point: A curve that has always been suitable for 35 miles per hour is just too sharp for 50. The result—another car inexplicably out of control, broadsiding into oncoming traffic or piled up beside the road. The driver's usual explanation is, "I was going at my usual speed, just as I have for years." In many cases, he sincerely believes this to be true.

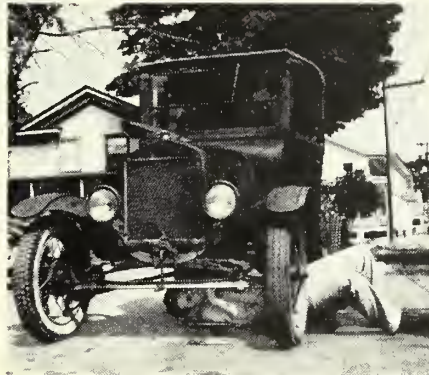
Troopers I spoke to along the New Jersey and Pennsylvania turnpikes, highways deliberately built with the new cars in mind, were especially concerned about the excessive



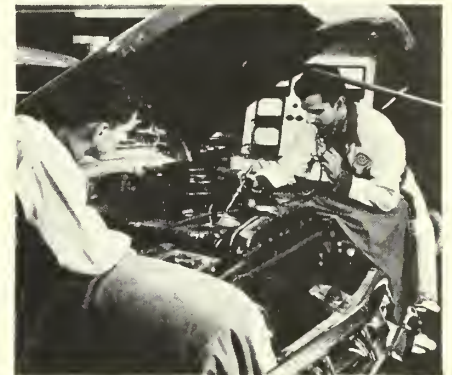
Powerful engines can push that needle up before you know it.

HOW TO DRIVE ?

Today's cars and modern traffic conditions call for a check-up on your driving I.Q.



Once upon a time anyone could fix a car with the simplest kind of tools.



Today a car is a precision instrument that calls for special skills.

PHOTOS BY DONATO LEO

number of multiple pile-ups they're seeing. A Jersey trooper said:

"People along here are following the car ahead as closely as though they were back on an old, slow, black-top road, cruising at 40. Trouble is, now they're cruising at 60. Let one guy hit the brakes without warning and the whole line piles up like an accordion. We've got a wonderful highway here, but we're going to have to keep after the drivers until they realize that they need to improve, too. We've got to find some way to make them realize that you should keep at least 125 feet behind the car ahead even on a clear day, more at night or in bad weather, when you're going 60 miles an hour."

A Detroit engineer summed up new car speed: "Cars are faster and more powerful than they ever were before, but the average driver hasn't learned yet that we've given him this greater margin of performance so that his car will be smoother, quieter and longer-wearing at safe highway speeds. Higher accident rates don't boost sales."

Brakes have been improved. They've even added power to reduce driver effort, but the foreman of a big Chicago brake shop felt that too many owners of cars with power brakes hadn't yet caught on to the fact that the purpose of adding power was simply to make it easier for the driver, not to eliminate his responsibility to brake in time and to keep speeds to a point where braking could be effective. He showed me a car that had been involved in a serious bumper crash.

"See, the brakes did their job, but the owner didn't apply them until he was on top of the car ahead. All four tires have flat spots, proving that the brakes were effective." On each tire there was a flat, smooth patch, where the rubber had burned off as the car slid. "Power brakes," he continued, "don't need to be tramped on. Just a touch on the pedal is usually enough, but it takes room and time to stop a ton-and-a-half of metal, no matter what kind of brakes you have. I'd say that a lot of new car owners were using their brakes instead of their judgment."

I found, in general, that excessive tire wear is more of a problem on the new cars than on the older cars. This is not because tires are poor in quality; on the contrary, they are vastly better than ever before. Here is the explanation of the proprietor of a large Cleveland service station:

"Tires are bigger and softer than they used to be. Now, when a tire is underinflated (too soft) it flexes (*Continued on page 46*)



Many users of automatic transmissions haven't yet got into the habit of using "Low" on long grades.



Power brakes give better control, but you still need room to stop a car traveling at high speed.

This kind of damage could be prevented with an exterior rear view mirror and a little care.



Big U.S. carrier enters Canal en route to Atlantic. ▶
Ocean link makes Panama logical communist target.



How secure is the **PANAMA CANAL?**

Does the ten-year red hold on Guatemala
mean the commies can take over in Panama, too?

By ROBERT B. PITKIN

IN VIEW OF THE recent happenings in Guatemala, many Americans are asking: "How secure is the Panama Canal from communist shenanigans?"

Could the Guatemala story be repeated in the Canal country?

Before it was overthrown in June, the Guatemalan government had grown along Soviet lines for ten years, ever since a revolutionary committee brought the left-wing professor Juan Jose Arevalo back home from a university teaching job in Argentina in 1945 and gave him to the Guatemalan people as their president.

Though the *New York Times* recently described Arevalo's regime as one with "high ideals," Arevalo placed left-wingers and communists in key government spots, turned to the disciplined minority communist party of Guatemala for his political support, and imported about 150 Spanish communists to help run the country.

In 1950, the Guatemalan reds risked an election and supported Jacobo Arbenz. Colonel Arbenz, one of the group that had brought Arevalo up, was deeply involved with hard-boiled, entrenched communists. "Idealism" went to such lengths that the winning red campaign in the 1950 elections included the murder of the strong opposition candidate, Javier Arana.

Only by basing themselves in neighboring countries, out of reach of Arbenz's assassins, were the anti-red forces of Castillo Armas able to overthrow the red regime last June.

Guatemala is 900 overland miles northwest of Panama, and only a few hours by plane from Miami, New Orleans and Houston.

If the communies can grow in power for ten years in Guatemala, can it happen in Panama too?

II

The busy red brothers have been trying hard in Panama. Biggest red success in Panama to date was the airbases

incident in December, 1947. Then, the Panamanian National Assembly was mobbed into rejecting an agreement to extend the operation of thirteen U.S. World War II airbases located outside the Canal Zone in Panama. Key airbase was the big, 17,000-acre Rio Hato strip, capable of handling our biggest bombers.

Panama's President in 1947, Enrique Jimenez, sought to extend the U.S. Rio Hato operation for another ten years, with U.S. option to renew for another ten years after that. Panama, he told his people, must play its part in the cold war of democracy vs. communism, and the U.S. bases on Panama soil were part of that war.

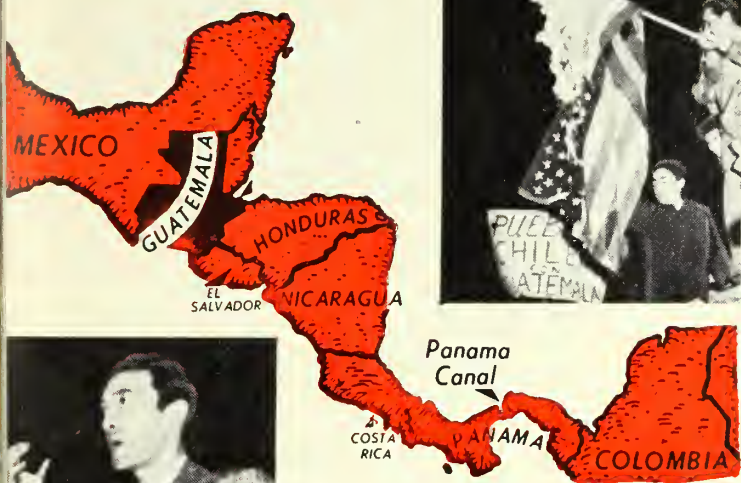
In a flare-up of nationalistic fever, sparked by rioting

PANAMA HAS A STRONG, ALERT AND POPULAR GOVERNMENT



Jose Antonio Remon, Panama's strong and popular president, opening a new health center at Ocu in the interior. Remon has cracked down hard on Panama communists.

CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS



◀ Vicente Toledano, operating from Mexico, guides red labor organizers throughout Latin America.

high-school students in Panama City, the people of Panama turned a deaf ear to their president.

The excitement went from initial student violence, through a phase when 10,000 Panamanian women paraded in protest against the airbases agreement, and ended when the National Assembly voted on ratification while mobs outside and agitators in the galleries went so far as to promise death to any deputy who voted yes.

The airbase fever was not communism, it was pure emotional nationalism. But the communists pumped the bellows that fanned it to white heat.

On Dec. 9, 1947, when U.S. Ambassador Frank Hines and acting Panama Foreign Minister Florencio A. Filos signed the airbase agreement for their governments (pending ratification), a scheduled student demonstration against the signing failed to come off. Natural excitement against the agreement did not run high.

That evening a group of professors at Panama's National

◀ In Chile, "People for Guatemala" burned U.S. flag. What people?

Institute held a hasty conference, issued a "manifesto" and engineered a real student riot in the streets the next day. There were more than 30 casualties. Downtown Panama City was bedlam far into the night. Seventeen policemen were injured and one student suffered a police bullet in his spine. Armed bands of high-school boys paraded along the edge of the Canal Zone and along Central Avenue, upsetting American automobiles.

This excitement, accompanied by cries of "Down with Yankee imperialism!" swept the capital city with its emotion and brought about the sure defeat of the airbases agreement, although President Jiménez bravely championed it to the end. On a roll call, not one deputy voted yes.

As a result, the U.S. operates no military bases in Panama outside of the Canal Zone today.

This was a two-fold victory for the red professors who had whipped their students into a frenzy of hell-raising for their own political ends. It weakened U.S. military strength in Central America and deprived Panama of badly needed employment and money that U.S. expenditures on the airbases would have provided.

III

Panama has had other manifestations of communist activity.

A nucleus of modern-day communists emerged in the Republic when Hitler attacked Russia. Then, a Panamanian society of "Friends of Russia" came into the open as a group with strong red leanings. It was a small society of mixed loyalty.

After World War II, multiple Panamanian communist organizations bloomed—riding high on the wartime alliance between Russia and the West. Two major groups were (1) a communist political party, the *Partido Del Pueblo* or People's Party, and (2) the Panamanian Federation of Labor (*Federacion Sindical de Trabajadores de la Republica de Panama*). The labor group and the political party have shared many of the same leaders.

The Labor Federation was formed in 1942, with all the appearances of an honest labor organization. In 1946-47, it solidified itself with its member unions—made up chiefly of tailors, chauffeurs, waiters, bar- (Continued on page 57)



Left, President's wife, Cecilia Remón, heading Red Cross drive. "Doña Ceci," an ex-Olympic swimmer, works hard for Panama. National Police, right, keep law and order. By treaty agreement with the U.S., Panama has no army. Remón headed police when elected president.

Panama is too dependent on the Canal; has other resources. Above, Bill Mais pays \$2 million United Fruit income tax.

By AL HIRSHBERG

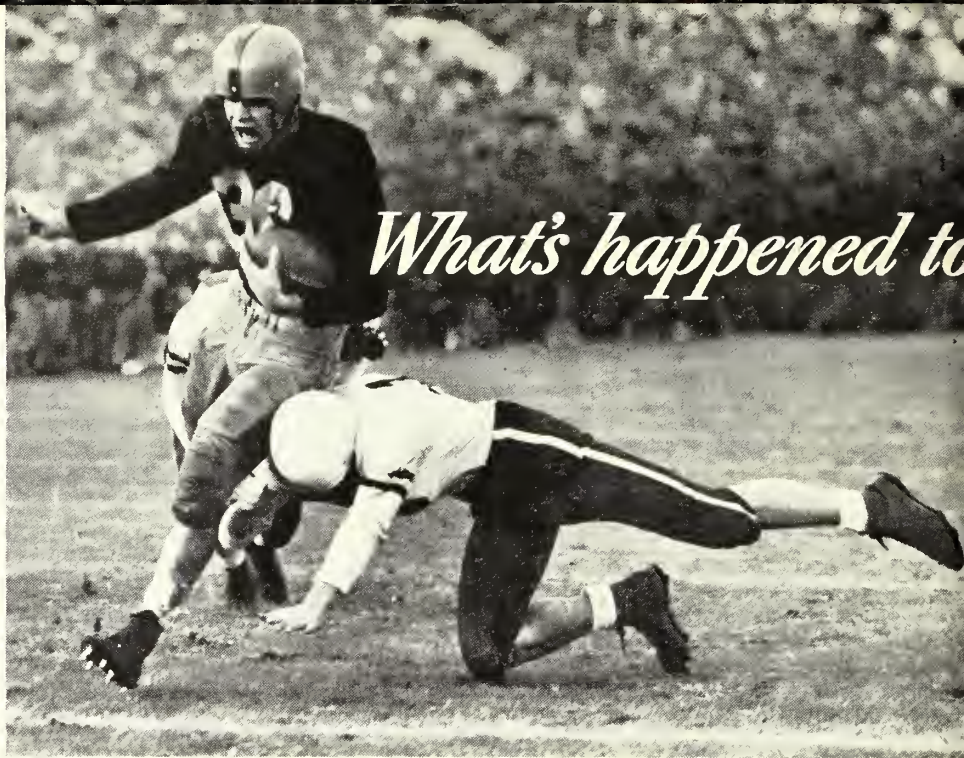
COLLEGE FOOTBALL on the West Coast has gone sour. No longer do visiting firemen from other sections of the country cringe at the sound of names like Southern California, Stanford and California, all once mighty powers on the national front. No longer do All-America selectors look to the coast first before choosing the annual knights of the gridiron road. The days when western teams played the best of the east to a standstill are over. The days when one coast eleven could place four men on the same All-America team, as Southern California did with Ernie Pinckert, Ernie Smith, Gus Shaver and Johnny Baker in 1931, are gone.

There was a time when a Notre Dame-Southern California game was a tossup. Today, a Trojan victory is an upset. There's been only one since 1938. There was a time when the odds on the Rose Bowl classic were regularly in favor of the west. Today, anyone who bets on the Pacific Coast Conference champions against the Big Ten representatives ought to have his head examined. West Coast teams have won exactly one game in the last eight years. In the 'thirties, a coast team was normally favored to win an intersectional game. Today, it's usually the other way around.

What's happened out there beyond the Rockies, where the talent once came big and strong and smart and willing? The proud Pacific Coast, which used to take victory as a matter of course and defeat as a calamity, now counts victories on the fingers of one hand and hopes the defeats won't be too humiliating. Something's gone radically wrong in the section whose best football teams once roved with the cream of the nation's powerhouses.

Well, for one thing, the coaching isn't what it used to be. Where are the nationally known giants, men of imagination and intelligence and initiative, leaders of the profession? Not on the West Coast, which, up to 1940, could parade before the nation such titans as Howard Jones and Pop Warner, Slip Madigan and Jimmy Phelan, Babe Hollingberry and Bill Ingram, Alonzo Stagg and Buck Shaw, Tiny Thornhill, Andy and Clipper Smith.

These coaches, for the most part, were eastern bred and eastern trained, and they went west because it paid them to go west. They brought eastern football stars with them. Some of the greatest athletes in West Coast football history were men who were born, brought up and went to high or prep school in the east.



Illinois' Bill Tate helping to pile up the 40 to 7 score against Stanford in the 1952 Rose Bowl game.

And the coaches were big names before they ever reached the far west. It took heavy money to pry them loose from their eastern strongholds, the kind of money that no West Coast university is willing to shell out any more. Today, half the Pacific Coast Conference coaches are local boys and two of the remaining four were national nonentities before they got their present jobs.

Red Sanders of U.C.L.A. is perhaps the only coach out there who could exist in the fast company of the past. Sanders came from Vanderbilt. With him in national prominence and ability is Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf, who went to California from Northwestern in 1947. The other two easterners in the conference are Michigan's Kip Taylor and Michigan State's Al Kircher, neither of whom is exactly a hot shot. Taylor coaches at Oregon State and Kircher at Washington State.

The least expensive coaching talent in the world comes from the ranks of the alumni or the football coaching staff or both. Alumni are almost always willing to give up something in order to get the top job at the old school. So are assistant coaches, who want to prove that they can do as well as the boss.

Stanford, Southern California and Washington are all alumni-coached. Chuck Taylor was a Stanford All-America before joining Marchi Schwartz' staff and finally replacing him as head coach two years ago. John Cherberg graduated from Washington and worked for Howie Odell before succeeding him as the head coach. And Jess Hill, a U.S.C. graduate, was the varsity track coach there at the time he was named to succeed Jeff Cravath. The remaining conference coach, Len Casanova of Oregon, came out of Santa Clara, where he played football and moved up through the ranks.



Intersectional clashes like this one between St. Mary's and Fordham used to be a toss-up as to the winner. The Gaels took the Rams (above) 14 to 9 in 1934. Today St. Mary's has no football team.

WEST COAST FOOTBALL?

The Pacific Coast stalwarts used to beat the best. Now they're easy pickin's for the rest of the country.

All of which doesn't necessarily mean that the West Coast has bad coaching, but it certainly doesn't have the best. And, good or bad, how can the coast coaches get talent from the east without any close connections there any more? And, even if they had the proper connections, how can they get the top schoolboy athletes when their schools aren't willing to pay the price for them?

old battlegrounds with him at Stanford in the 'thirties.

Bobby Grayson, one of the greatest backs ever to play on the coast, prepped at Kiski in Pennsylvania and wanted to go to Harvard. Unable to get in there, he ended up at Stanford with Thornhill. So did Monk Moscrip and Bones Hamilton, a couple of other Pennsylvania kids who won fame and All-America honors as big, strong muscle-men

GREAT COACHES BUILT GREAT TEAMS



Slip Madigan
St. Mary's



Howard Jones
USC



Clipper Smith
Santa Clara



Buck Shaw
Santa Clara



Babe Hollingberry
Wash. State College



Tiny Thornhill
Stanford



Jimmy Phelan
U. of Washington



In 1938 USC took on unbeaten, untied and unscored-upon Duke University in the Rose Bowl. The Trojans beat the Blue Devils 7 to 3. Here Duke's Eric Tipton gets jarred as he attempts to buck the Trojan's line.



Andy Smith
U. of Cal.



Pop Warner
Stanford



It hasn't happened very often in recent years, but back in the 30's USC used to beat Notre Dame in their big game. Here, in 1931, Steve Banas is stopped by USC in the game the westerners won 16 to 14.

When Jimmy Phelan, who had coached at Purdue for years, first went to Washington in 1930, he began importing Chicago boys, and he kept it up for years. As late as 1940, he had an All-America from the Windy City, Ray Mucha, whose older brother had gone west with Phelan ten years earlier. Doc Spears took schoolboy stars from Wisconsin with him when he went to Oregon in 1930, and Tiny Thornhill, a Pittsburgh man, had youngsters from his

from the west, Ernie Nevers, another Stanford immortal, who played for Warner in the late 'twenties, came from Superior, Wisconsin, and didn't know the Pacific Ocean from the Gulf of Mexico before he went out and looked at it with his own eyes.

Another thing that has hurt West Coast football is the spreading of the talent. In the 'thirties, the coast football giants were Stanford, Southern (Continued on page 43)

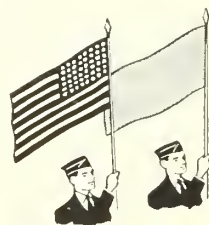


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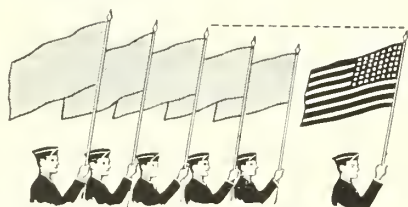
It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstuffs in the open. However, the flag may be displayed at night upon special occasions when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. It should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.

The flag should be displayed daily, weather permitting, on or near the main administration building of every public institution. It should be displayed during school days in or near every school-house.



When carried in a procession with another flag or flags, the flag should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.



The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the radiator cap.

No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy.



When it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the flag should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.



The flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States.

When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height.

When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, bal-



By CLARENCE E. HARPER

We Legionnaires do not realize how the average American citizen, not a member of our organization, looks up to us to set a good example on flag etiquette.

It is apparent from the confusion that frequently exists at large public gatherings that many individuals are unaware of established rules of flag etiquette, although it is evident from the actions of many that they have an urgent desire to follow some set routine for displaying courtesy to the American flag. This confusion can be easily dispelled if American Legion Posts make a determined effort to acquaint their communities with the existence of Public Law 829—77th Congress, which was approved in 1942. This is more frequently and better described as the Flag Law.

The second paragraph of Public Law 829—77th Congress reads: "That the following codification of

cony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

The flag should never be displayed with the union down save as a signal of dire distress.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. The flag should never be used as drapery of any sort whatsoever, never festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for decorative purposes.

The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as will permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way. It should never be used as a covering for a ceiling. The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insigne, letter, work, de-

Treat the FLAG RIGHT

As a Legionnaire you are expected to know these things.

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America be, and it is hereby, established for the use of such civilians or civilian groups or organizations as may not be required to conform with regulations promulgated by one or more executive departments of the Government of the United States,” which means it applies to all but the military.

The Flag Law is very brief, although it does cover the greater portion of four closely printed pages. Obviously because of the brevity there is an opportunity for occasional confusion. To definitely establish a set procedure for all phases of flag etiquette, the National Americanism Division of The American Legion has issued a twenty page pamphlet entitled, “Let’s Be Right On Flag Etiquette.”

sign, picture, or drawing of any nature. It should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever and should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like.

The flag should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of unveiling a statue or monument, but it should never be used as a covering for the statue or monument.

The flag, when flown at half staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By “half staff” is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. Crepe streamers may be affixed to spear heads or flagstaves in a parade only by order of the President of the United States.

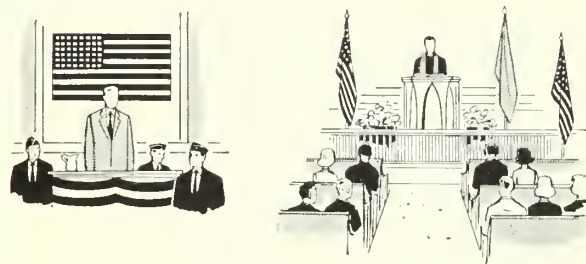
When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

The flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor.

The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present should face the flag, stand at attention, and salute. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove the headdress with the right hand holding it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Men without hats should salute in the same manner. Aliens should stand at attention. Women should salute by placing the right hand over the heart. The salute to the flag in the moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. (The pamphlet “Let’s Be Right On Flag Etiquette” states that a Legionnaire is considered in uniform when wearing a Legion cap.)

When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.



There has been considerable confusion about the proper position of the American flag when displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, and the position of other flags. The American Legion’s interpretation is that the motivating factor which governs the proper position of the American flag is that it should be to the right of the speaker whether it be in a church, a public auditorium, a meeting of some type of organization and regardless of whether or not the speaker is on a small or large platform. The Legion interpretation is that there is only one American flag to be posted to the right of the speaker. Any other types of flags should be posted to the left of the speaker. If it is desired to display two flags of the United States, one should be placed in a position to the right of the speaker and the other at the right front of the audience at the floor level, the organization and/or other flags or banners at the left of the speaker. If the American flag is displayed flat, it should be displayed above and behind the speaker.

When the National Anthem is played and the flag is NOT displayed, all present should stand and face toward the music. Those in uniform should salute at the first note of the anthem, retaining this position until the last note. All others should stand at attention, men removing the headdress. When the flag IS displayed all present should face the flag and salute. But when the National Anthem is sung – by a soloist, by a small group or by the entire assembly – the salute should NOT be given.

The last paragraph of Public Law 829 – 77th Congress states that “Any rule or custom pertaining to the display of the flag of the United States of America, set forth herein, may be altered, modified, or repealed, or additional rules with respect thereto may be prescribed, by the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, whenever he deems it to be appropriate or desirable; and any such alteration or additional rule shall be set forth in a proclamation.”

So that Legionnaires may retain the respect of the general public on matters involving proper flag etiquette, it is extremely important that all Legionnaires understand the provisions of Public Law 829 – 77th Congress. Legionnaires should take advantage of every opportunity afforded them to publicize the more important phases of proper flag etiquette. The National Americanism Division located at National Headquarters should be consulted on any questions involving flag etiquette for an authoritative interpretation of flag courtesy.

By far the greater portion of our citizenry is intensely interested in displaying courtesy to the flag at all times. We can instill a greater love and respect for the United States by showing proper respect to the flag when it is presented, retired or passes in review and when it is used on any of the special occasions described above.

How to BEHAVE LIKE A SPORTSMAN

There's no place in the woods for the selfish, thoughtless hunter.

By ROBERT UHL

EVERY SPORT has its rules and customs and conventions, which are designed to help each man get a fair break. So it is with hunting. But with so many new hunters afield these days (their number has almost doubled since the war) the code is more often broken than observed. And everyone loses when there is widespread violation of the common courtesies that have grown up around a sport.

A couple of friends shooting together are not rivals, trying to outdo each other. They are *partners*, working for the common good—a pleasant and successful day for each. Too many men afield seem obsessed by the idea that it's everyone for himself. We cannot impress anyone with our shooting skill by beating him through unfair means. We're quick to see hoggishness in the other fellow, and his eyes are as good as our own.

Most experienced hunters are unconscious of offense



▲ Never hand a gun to someone else without first checking the chamber.

in this regard. But many a skilled shot needs to be reminded to behave with reasonable restraint and modesty when he goes out with a companion of lesser ability. Most frequent fault of the expert is "claiming." Sometimes there is confusion over who grassed a particular bird. It's instinctive to shoot at the easiest target. The hot shot is quick to claim such birds, with the unspoken implication that he never misses and you often do. He'll knock down birds on your side as well as his own, and take all the singles, because "you might not get him." Unfortunately, experience and skill in hunting do not automatically result in courtesy and consideration.

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▲ Get the farmer's permission before hunting over his land and inquire if there are certain places you are supposed to avoid.

Where possible go through the gate instead of over the fence and ▼ then make sure that you put it back the way you found it.

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A beginner at hunting can't be expected to know the rules, and no mistake he unwittingly makes will annoy an experienced shooter, except when the tyro puts his companions off guard by pretending a knowledge he lacks. Anyone who doesn't know the basic rules of gun-handling should confess his ignorance and ask for instruction. Such frankness is as great a time-saver as love at first sight. He'll be found out, anyway. The basic training in rifle marksmanship which we all had some years ago does not qualify us as hunters, or even as safe gun-handlers. We forget too easily. Watch the muzzle at all times, and learn the commandments of hunting safety (you can get them free by writing the Sportsmen's Service Bureau, 250 East 43rd Street, New York City.)

A good rule to follow is never to shoot at a bird unless you can see sky behind it. Then there's no chance of accidents. Cover the trigger guard with your hand when going through brush. High port is the safest way to carry your gun, but if you must put it over your shoulder, don't carry it as if a drill sergeant were on your heels. Keep the trigger guard up. Then, when you turn, your partner won't find himself with a gun barrel in his face. When you stop for a rest or for lunch, unload your gun and lay it on the ground, not against a tree where it could be knocked down. Some neophytes seem to feel as if they are back on patrol behind enemy lines, and might be attacked and wiped out unless they keep a loaded gun handy. 'Taint so. Only in cartoons or on magazine covers does a chance for a shot appear while you're munching a sandwich. Failure of one man to observe these elementary safety rules will spoil the day for everyone. It's impossible to relax and enjoy yourself in company with a careless or ignorant shooter.

One inviolable rule of gun-handling is never to touch another man's gun without permission. Nor should a gun ever be handed to another hunter without being ostentatiously checked in his presence to be sure there is no load in the chamber. You've got to *look*, especially in a gun with a tubular magazine. A cartridge or shell sometimes gets hung up in these magazines. Never ask to borrow a dog or a gun. Shoot with reasonable speed in the field. The slow shooter who becomes preoc-



▲ Don't touch another man's dog without his permission.



▲ Never sight-in your rifle on a highway marker.

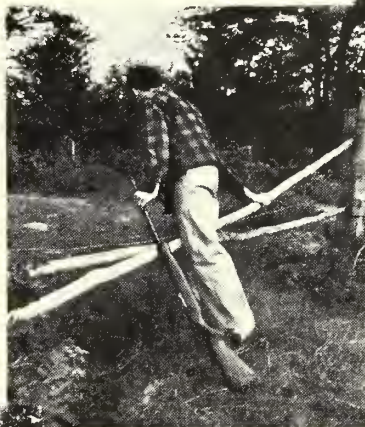
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▲ Take it easy with that duck call, especially if others are around.

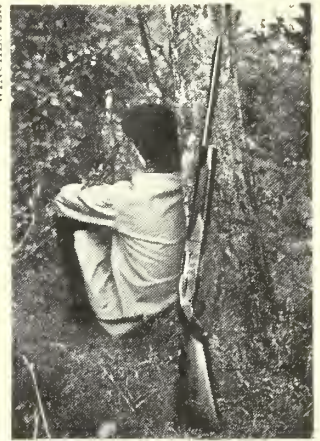
When you are deer- ▶ hunting, never shoulder your rifle at sound.

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▲ Dragging that gun over an obstacle can end your hunting for good.

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▲ Never leave your gun where it can be knocked down.

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cupied in following his bird will swing in a half circle, and may let off dangerously close to someone else.

Upland game hunting has always been the aristocrat of the field sports. It has developed a lot of silly Alphonse-and-Gaston protocol which is not worth repeating, as well as some down-to-earth customs which should be rigidly followed. When quail shooting, for example, only a heel will follow a covey after he has scattered it until all the

birds are killed. At least half should be left for seed. By the same token, the good sportsman never blazes into the middle of a bevy of quail. Instead, he picks first one from the right or the left, whichever side he's on, and then takes a second. What we want to get is a pair of neatly killed birds, not half a dozen cripples. Naturally, no bird except a cripple should be shot at except when in full flight. The guy who steals a shot from his companion when a bird rises on the wrong side will never win a popularity contest. Game breaking on the right belong to the man on the right, and vice versa. If he misses, then you can try . . . but not in the spirit of "wiping his eye." Hunting is not a competition. Inexperienced shooters are most likely to rush and miss their shots when they know that someone else has his gun shouldered and is waiting for them to miss. In the gang with which I like to shoot, we've agreed that a bird belongs to the man upon whose (Continued on page 50)



By JACK DENTON SCOTT

October, the month when you'd be using both your shotgun and rifle, is also the time to start thinking about duck shooting. Eugene L. Foehner, of 1417—7th Street, Bay City, Texas, has a do-it-yourself duck blind. It goes like this:

"An effective duck blind, adaptable to almost any terrain, can be made from a roll of chicken wire and 3 or 4 sharply pointed stakes," he says. "Arrange wire in a circle large enough to enclose your partner and yourself, leaving a narrow opening for entrance and exit. Then pin the wire in place with the sharp stakes. It's a simple matter then to thatch the wire with nearby natural cover. The portability of the chicken wire blind can often mean the difference between success and failure, particularly when duck flights are erratic and the birds are not decoying well. In this case you actually do pull up stakes and move."



Not long ago a migration of gray squirrels forced Pennsylvania motorists to stop for a half hour, while an army of 5,000 bushy-tails crossed the main highway. Many squirrel shooters don't realize that those little mammals do migrate in search of more food, better trees and because of shooting pressure. Reports from the States claim that this is the year of the squirrel—that there will be more of them around than ever before. A twisting, dodging target, the squirrel is fair game for millions of sportsmen. If you really want to give that rifle of yours a workout, take it squirrel hunting this year.

The shooting scientists tell us that the average shotgunner shoots 3,000 rounds in his lifetime. How does that stack up with your experience?

If you're thinking of doing a little rifle shooting this month, Robert J. Kindley of 3229 Palomas Drive, N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico, has this to offer:

"One of the most common reasons why rifles fail to hold their zero is that the small screw attaching either scope mounts or receiver sights to the rifle works loose with recoil. To remedy this, dip each screw in a good grade of shellac before screwing it in place. The shellac will set up and insure good tight mounts on the heaviest of calibers."

To satisfy the demand for a gun using a heavier charge of shot for pass shooting and types of game such as geese, ducks, fox or turkey, Remington Arms Company, Inc., of Bridgeport, Connecticut, announces the model 870 Magnum Wingmaster shotgun. This pump action gun is now chambered for 3-inch shells. (It will handle 2¾-inch shells as well.)

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For gunners: Earl Taylor, 247 Dublin Street, San Francisco, Calif., says: "I have an idea I use in early morning or at dusk when I'm hunting and it has improved my shooting and increased my bag of game. I take a small piece of white cloth and tie it around the end of my gun muzzle. In indistinct light, instead of trying to sight down a dark barrel, you have the flash of white to help in lining the gun up."

Mrs. B. Franks, 7512 Union Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, says that one way she avoids corrosion on her shooting iron is to remove the gun from its case after a hunting trip so that the moisture that collects can evaporate.



Harry E. Chaisman, Scottsbluff, Neb., offers the following for use on a hunting trip: If you are camping where it's apt to be windy, always collapse the tent when leaving it for the day, especially if it is an umbrella type. A gust of wind may blow it down, tear it or break a pole. If there are signs of a storm, loosen the guy ropes or spreader arms to allow for shrinkage. If this should happen, the wet tent may get torn and pull loose from the supports. If the tent is wet when you get home, set it up so it can dry completely, otherwise it will get mildewed and the fabric will rot. A final tip for the camp cook: To remove that unpleasant odor of onions from your hands, rub them with salt.

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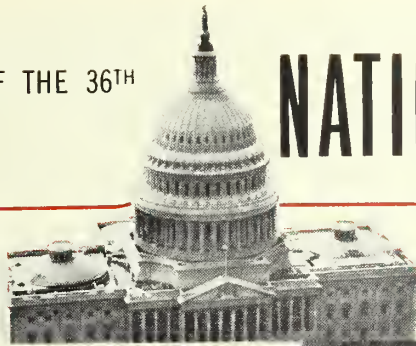
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What'll You Have?

WASHINGTON, D. C., AUG. 30 - SEPT. 2



For four days the District of Columbia became the Capital of the Legion World.

WHEN NAT'L COMDR ARTHUR J. CONNELL called the 36th Nat'l Convention of The American Legion to order at 9:30 A.M., August 29th in Washington's National Guard Armory, the 40,000 registered Legionnaires began one of their most serious conclaves.

The nation's capital was host to the biggest convention in its history and the city dressed up for the occasion. By Tuesday—parade day—150,000 Legionnaires had arrived to put on the biggest parade Washington had seen since 1865.

Temperature in the 70's, low humidity and a cooling west wind brought the Legionnaires and their families out to visit the memorials, museums, art galleries, and historic shrines.

When the White House was opened to visitors, a continuous line of sightseers extended from the doorway, down the drive and out along Pennsylvania Avenue. The benches around the Washington Monument were filled with Legionnaires waiting to ride to the top of the famous landmark. The Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Smithsonian Institution, Corcoran Art Gallery and National Gallery of Art and other sites had their quotas of Legionnaires.

Across the Potomac in Virginia, 7,000 Legionnaires attended the solemn Memorial Services in Arlington National Cemetery. They visited historic Alexandria and Mount Vernon farther south on the river.

In the Convention hall, President Eisenhower, the first speaker, addressed the 8,000 people who filled the armory in addition to the nation-wide audience which saw and heard him on radio and television.

The business of The American Legion had been underway for three days before the sessions began. The standing Commissions and the Nat'l Executive Committee had been meeting since August 27th to draft their reports.

On the Convention floor, the 6,300 delegates and alternates were called upon to deal with the problems facing the U. S., the international scene, veterans' affairs, internal matters and many others. Their debates and arguments on the many resolutions presented to them culminated in the mandates which would guide The American Legion through the coming year.



A view of the crowd on the convention floor.

While paying attention to the serious business before them, the Legionnaires were also enjoying the hospitality of the city. To many Convention veterans, this was another of the orderly Conventions of recent years.

Hotels and restaurants did a booming business. On Parade day, Police estimated that nearly 1,000,000 people viewed the 13-hour, 24-minute parade that ran until 1:24 A.M. on Wednesday. The 350 musical units, thousands of marching Legionnaires, colorful floats and the impressive military units from nearby bases, made a pageant described by one newspaper as "dazzling."

As the Convention drew to a close, Seaborn P. Collins of Las Cruces, N. M., was elected National Commander.

PHOTOS BY DONATO LEO



... On The Floor of the Convention

IN 3 DAYS of meetings, Aug. 30 & Sept. 1, 2, thousands of Legionnaires gathered in the huge Washington, D. C. National Guard Armory on 19th St. N.E. to conduct The American Legion's serious business and hear the distinguished speakers who addressed the 36th National Convention. No meeting was held on parade day, Aug. 31.

There were 8,000 people in the armory when President Eisenhower addressed the Convention on opening day, Monday Aug. 30. The President, who had flown from his summer vacation in Colorado, got a standing ovation when introduced. He devoted his remarks to

miral Arthur W. Radford, Chmn of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reiterated the Administration's determination to create an effective reserve system within the next year in a talk which reviewed the U.S. military posture and stressed the inadequacy of our present reserve set-up.

Still later, the Convention—in adopting The American Legion's National Security policy for 1955—placed UMT at the top of the list of Legion objectives for 1955.

Top speaker on foreign relations was Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., U. S. Representative to the UN. Lodge reviewed U. S. policies in the UN, especially as

should decide to break ties with Russia, (2) backed continued U. S. participation in the UN and (3) opposed admission of Red China to the UN and called for a halt of all trade with Red China.

Other guest speakers to the Convention included: Francis Cardinal Spellmen, Archbishop of N. Y.; Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; Ellsworth Bunker, President, American Red Cross; Waurine Walker, President, Nat'l Education Ass'n; George Meany, President AFL; Walter Reuther, President, CIO; E. LaMar Buckner, President, Junior Chamber of Commerce; John Lodge, Governor of Con-



Only 3 Past Nat'l Cmdrs were absent. Huddled above are Past Nat'l Cmdrs John R. Quinn (Cal.); Hanford MacNider (Iowa); and John Stelle (Ill.). Stelle has ear of North Dakota's Nat'l Committeeman, Bill Stern (at right).



Among WW2 vets on The American Legion's Nat'l Executive Committee, seen at the committee's Convention meeting, were those above. Left to right, Jimmy Powers (Ga.); Bert Barnes (Tenn.); John Ryer (R. I.); Bill Egan (Colo.); Larry Campbell (Vt.).

foreign policy and national security.

Ike got his loudest applause when he confirmed repeated rumors that the administration would strongly back a military manpower policy akin to Universal Military Training during the coming year—to replace the present Selective Service Act which expires next June.

Said Ike: "We have failed miserably to maintain that strong, ready military reserve in which we have believed for 150 years. . . . We must build such a reserve. We must maintain it. Wishful thinking and political timidity must no longer bar a program so essential to our defense. . . . This objective for which The American Legion has vainly fought for a generation will be a number one item submitted to the Congress."

Appearing later on the program, Ad-

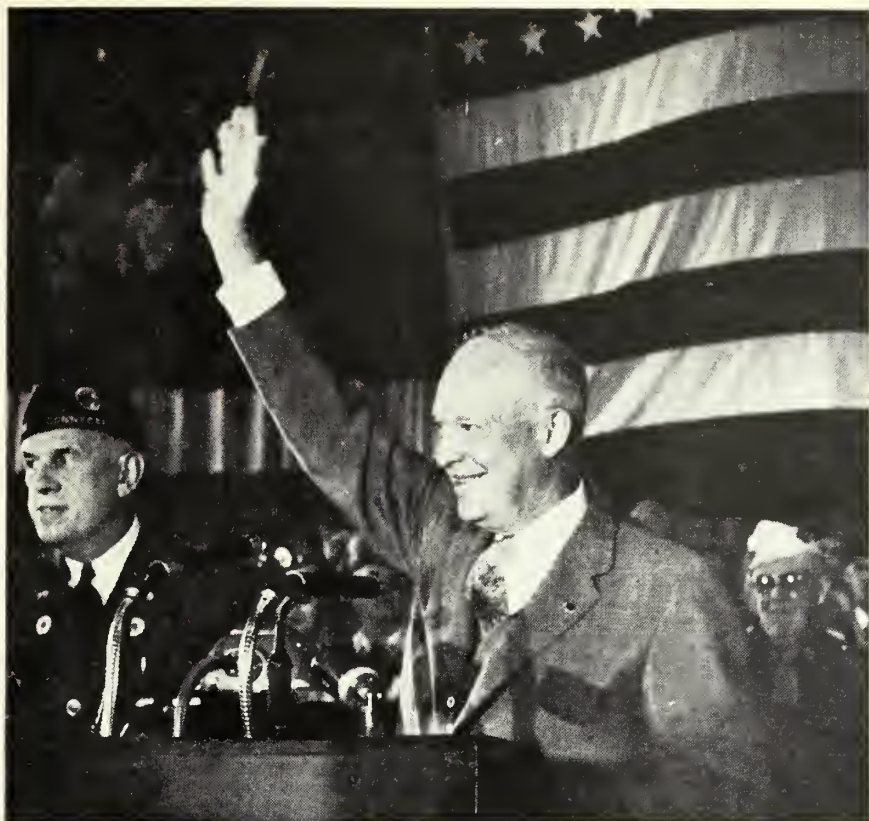
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Lodge addressed a Convention which had before it 20 resolutions calling for the severance of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, 18 opposing admission of Red China to the UN, and others asking that either Russia or the U. S. get out of the UN. In its final actions on these matters, the Convention adopted a Foreign Relations report that (1) assured Legion support to the Federal government if the government

should decide to break ties with Russia, (2) backed continued U. S. participation in the UN and (3) opposed admission of Red China to the UN and called for a halt of all trade with Red China.

Although many resolutions were debated on the Convention floor, they were a small fraction of the total resolutions considered. Altogether, 657 resolutions came before the Convention—42 more than last year. The 3,150 delegates, representing the 2,769,202 members paid up for 1954 as of July 31, accepted and adopted the reports of nine major policy committees on most matters. Among those pulled out of committee reports for decisions on the floor were resolutions on: general pensions, Girl Scouts, the 40 & 8, the Bricker Amendment, UNESCO, and the American Medical Association.

The delegates adopted 172 resolutions



Nat'l Cmdr Connell introduced Pres. Eisenhower who spoke to 8,000 in hall.

that embodied the sense of 390 of the original 657 resolutions. They rejected 114 resolutions. The remaining 153 were referred for further study, tabled, or withdrawn by their sponsors.

To whip the huge mass of resolutions into orderly shape and submit them with recommendations to the delegates, 535 Legionnaires passed up most of the rest of the Convention to work on the major Convention Committees.

Once again, an Illinois resolution for a general pension for veterans over 60, regardless of need, was debated on the floor. Grant W. Fritseher, of Dieterich, Ill., gave the key floor speech for the resolution. Richard S. Kaplan (service officer and delegate from Indiana) and William G. McKinley (Nat'l Executive Committeeman from N. J.) led the opposition from the floor, while Robert M. McCurdy (Cal.), Rehab committee chairman, opposed it from the platform. They argued that veterans pensions should be based on need. On a roll call, the general pension resolution lost, 2,358 to 561. The Pennsylvania and Illinois delegations and half of the Indiana delegation cast the total votes in its favor.



Four National Executive Committeemen get together. They are, left to right, John R. Stille (Ariz.); John E. Curtiss (Neb.); Hugh W. Overton (Ala.) and Thomas W. Miller (Nev.).



Judge Wilbur M. Alter (Colo.) has floor at meeting of Rehabilitation committee. Seated, foreground, are Clarence Horton (Ala.) light suit, and Dr. Norman Booher (Ind.) right.



At Legislative meeting are Jerome Duggan (Mo.) gray suit; Albert MacKenzie (Ariz.) light suit; Hugh Askew (Okla.) center; Vince Maher (N. J.) with pipe, & Lynn Peterson (Cal.).



Sam Birnbaum (N. Y.) speaks at meeting on Constitutional Amendments. Facing camera is chmn George Boland (Neb.). Convention made one change in Legion Constitution.



A resolution urging a joint American Legion-Nat'l Education Ass'n committee to study UNESCO was defeated when McKinley argued from the floor that the Legion already has a special committee studying UNESCO, and that a joint study with NEA could involve an outside organization in the formulation of Legion policy.

A resolution that (1) commended the Girl Scouts for revising their handbook to eliminate certain objections, (2) urged the Girl Scouts to announce who had weakened the Americanism content of its published material in the first place and (3) offered the cooperation of The American Legion to the Girl

incorporated under the laws of Indiana as a separate corporation bore heavily on the rejection of the New Jersey proposal. Attempts of New York to get a direct "racial issue" resolution on the floor were lost in a parliamentary tangle.

A resolution supporting the sense of the Bricker Amendment, to protect the U. S. Constitution from infringement by treaty, was amended on the floor to include support of the "which clause" in the original Bricker Amendment. The "which clause"—aimed specifically at protecting state laws from treaty infringement—would provide that a law passed by Congress to implement a treaty could only be valid if it would

N.J. The '57 Convention will be New Jersey's first.

While many of the resolutions reiterated long-standing Legion policy, others had a new look in content or approach. Among the new look items were:

Defense of Doctors: A Rehabilitation resolution, adopted unanimously without debate, urged that the Legion nationally and in the States, seek legislation to permit any licensed physician to practice medicine in any hospital that is a recipient of public funds. The resolution pointed out that it is a principle of American medicine that a patient is entitled to a free choice of his own doctor, but that often—in order to enter a hos-



Among the 23 Past Nat'l Cmdrs present were the six in pix above. At left: Milo J. Warner (Ohio); Roane Waring



(Tenn); Ray Murphy (Iowa). At right Stephen F. Chadwick (Wash.); Paul V. McNutt (Ind.); Henry L. Stevens, Jr. (N.C.).

Scouts to study attempts at subversive infiltration in that organization, was debated on the floor for the purpose of amending its language for accuracy. It passed with such amendments. The amendments included distinguishing clearly between Legion opposition to subversive influences in the Girl Scouts and Legion support of the traditional purpose of the Girl Scouts.

A minority report of the Constitutional Amendments Committee urged a revision of The American Legion Constitution to govern the 40 & 8 in the same language as that provided for government of the Auxiliary. After lengthy and confusing debate, the minority report was defeated on the floor. Issue revolved around 40 & 8 membership requirement restricting membership to "white males." The color provision does not apply to American Legion or Auxiliary membership. The minority report did not deal directly with the problem. Originating in New Jersey, it sought to resolve the basic question of government of the 40 & 8. Fact that 40 & 8 is

be valid in the absence of the treaty.

An Indiana resolution asked that a new national American Legion committee be formed to effect liaison with the American Medical Ass'n, on the grounds that the existing liaison committee has been ineffectual. It was defeated after discussion and debate on the floor, during which Rehab Chmn McCurdy said that the failure of the present liaison committee to function is due to non-cooperation of the AMA. Such committees on the State level are functioning with State medical societies, it was pointed out.

As a result of action at the Convention, National Convention sites were definitely fixed for three years into the future: 1955 Miami-Miami Beach; 1956 Los Angeles, and 1957 Atlantic City,

hospital—a patient must forsake his chosen physician and select one from among those to whom the hospital extends its privileges. Rehabilitation officials pointed out privately that the power of hospitals to discipline doctors by arbitrarily denying them hospital privileges had silenced many physicians in matters in which they disagreed with medical societies—but this was not included in the resolution.

Another resolution reiterated The American Legion's opposition to attacks by the American Medical Ass'n on veterans medicine, and emphasized the newest AMA platform that attacks broad areas of care for veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Brass Tacks at Elections: In a resolution long implicit in American Legion policies but never before put down in black and white, the Convention passed a Legislative policy statement urging members and other veterans to determine the stand of candidates for national political office on matters of basic American Legion policy. The statement



Nat'l Sgt.-at-Arms Harry Engelund of Los Angeles.



Past Nat'l Cmdr Lewis K. Gough (Cal.) chats with John S. Gleason, Jr. (Ill.), a Vice-Chmn of Nat'l Rehab Commission.



Past Nat'l Cmdr Harry Colmery (Kan.) listens carefully to convention doings.

urged veterans to learn the position of candidates on:

(1) UMT, (2) administration of veterans affairs in a single agency with adequate appropriations, (3) compensation to disabled veterans and their dependents, (4) hospitalization and pensions for needy veterans with non-service-connected disabilities, (5) the present Veterans Preference Law, and (6) adequate appropriations to operate all active VA hospitals.

The resolution pointed out that entrenched opposition to all the above basic veterans programs has been increasing in the national legislature.

Comic Books: A Child Welfare resolution adopted by the Convention authorized the Nat'l Child Welfare Commission to continue studies of objectionable comic books; supported new efforts of the comic book field to police itself; emphasized that comic books are not objectionable *as a medium* of expression, but that a close watch be kept on developments, with further American Legion action if reasonable improvements in the objectionable area of comic books are not forthcoming. At Convention time, leading comic book publishers were in the act of organizing a new association to police their industry.

Some other resolutions are summarized on page 36.

At the close of the Convention, the Nat'l Executive Committee met and confirmed the following in office for 1955: Nat'l Adj't Henry H. Dudley,

Nat'l Treasurer Neal Grider and Nat'l Judge Advocate Ralph Gregg. The following dates were set for meetings in Indianapolis: Conference of Dep't Cmdrs and Adjts, Oct. 1, 2 & 3; meetings of Nat'l Committees and Commissions, same dates; meetings of Nat'l Executive Committee, Oct. 5, 6 & 7. Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn Collins' Homecoming was set for Oct. 9, at Las Cruces, N.M.



Outgoing Nat'l Chaplain Tom Clark (Okla.) moves unanimous vote be cast for Seaborn Collins for Nat'l Cmdr.

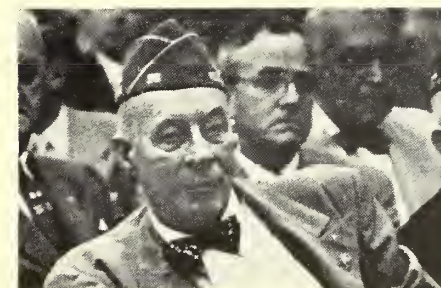


Past Nat'l Cmdr Louis Johnson and J. Monroe Johnson, both directors of Legion's Endowment Fund Corporation.

Brief notes from the Convention floor include the following items:

1 Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren, when presented by Nat'l Cmdr Connell, said hello from his seat with the California delegation.

2 Legionnaire Dave Fleischer (Mo.) acted as deputy for the Mayor of St.



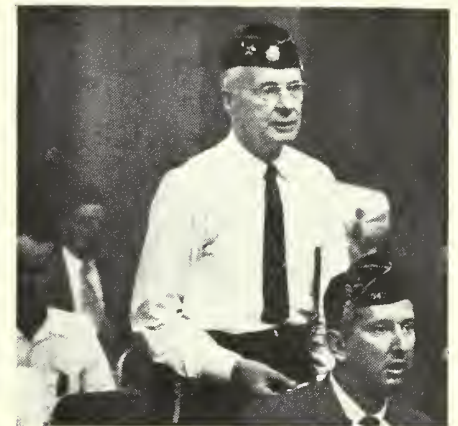
Remarks of Bill McKinley (N. J.) from floor carried weight with delegates.

Louis—last year's convention host—and accepted a medallion from Past Nat'l Cmdr Edward Hayes (Ill.)

3 The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal was awarded posthumously to General George A. White. Past Nat'l Cmdr Stephen Chadwick (Wash.) made the award to the General's widow, Mrs. George A. White.

4 Addresses of welcome were given by D.C. Commissioner Renah Camalier; Rev. William Adams, immediate Past Dep't Cmdr of D.C.; and Herbert Jacob, Past Nat'l Vice Cmdr and President of the '54 Convention Corp. Immediate Past Nat'l Cmdr Lewis K. Gough (Cal.) responded.

5 Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (Mass.), Chmn of the House Veterans Affairs committee, got a standing ovation from the Convention for her unyielding fight



Patrick H. Dupuis (Mass.) speaks on Naval Affairs at meeting of the Convention committee on Nat'l Security.



Gordon Roselip (Wis.), of Nat'l Executive Committee, and James P. Ringley (Ill.), member Nat'l Convention Comm.

in Congress on behalf of disabled vets.

6 Blind Gen. Melvin J. Maas, chmn of the President's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, spoke briefly and thanked the Legion for its work for the rehabilitation and employment of the disabled.



NATIONAL CONVENTION

National champion drum and bugle corps of Post 199, Hawthorne, N. J., passes in review. Inset shows Arthur Kutz, Drum Major, with the National Commander.



More Than A Million Applauded These Big Shows



Drill team and color guard of Post 373, Delta, Ohio, twice winners.



The band of Post 5, Joliet, Ill., won for the ninth time.



Choristers of Post 23, Milwaukee, Wis., took top honors.

HARD PRESSED by competitors from hundreds of other Posts, winners of this year's marching and musical contests gave Washingtonians and visiting Legionnaires a show they will long remember. Most spectacular of the events was of course the mammoth drum and bugle corps competition, held under lights at Griffith Stadium and won by Hawthorne Post 199, N. J. However, while other contests did not have as many participants, they more than made up for this in the quality of their performances.

On Tuesday, August 28, all the prize winners and the runners-up joined together in the biggest parade seen in the capital since 1865. Thanks to the work done by Legionnaires during the preceding year, it was certainly the best parade ever witnessed there.



Young Ernest Cote of New Jersey proved to be a snappy marcher.



▲ The Kilties, of Racine, Wis., gave watchers a generous sample of bonnie, bricht Scotch music.

◀ Small fry were much in evidence among the million people who thronged the line of march.



Because of its member-getting record, North Dakota led Legion contingents. Its float was a highlight.



Among the spectators were many servicemen from Walter Reed Hospital, sufficiently recovered to move about.



Again, the drawing for the four Fords offered by Seagram's was a high spot of the convention. This event took place at Griffith Stadium. Winners were: Thomas F. Orvis, Columbus, Ohio; Ellen W. Kelly, Hawthorne, N. Y.; Ed R. Crawford, Griffin, Ga.; Vincent Perisich, Iowa City, Iowa.



Two of the many attractions. The drum majorette is Sally Greier.



The convention ended with a big Inaugural Ball with the Schlitz Brewing Company acting as host.



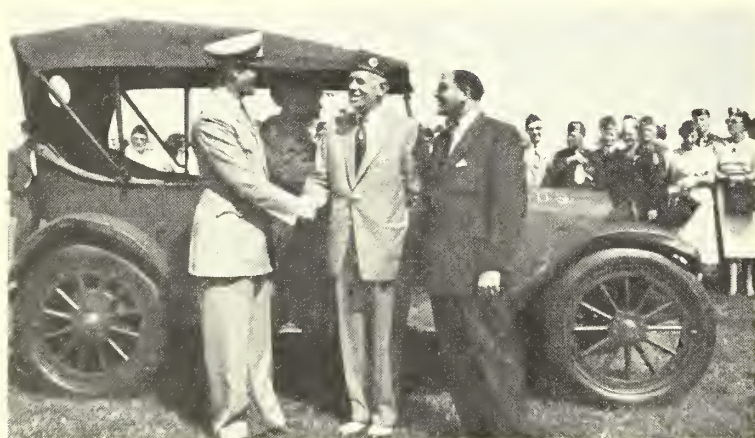
Taps was sounded at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as Legionnaires massed for a memorial service.



Legionnaires Stopped, Looked and Listened



A steady procession of Legionnaires filed through the White House.



The historic Dodge, America's first combat vehicle which served as General Pershing's staff car in the Mexican Border Campaign, took a prominent part in the Convention. Here it ends its Legion career as it is turned over to the Army which will display it at the Aberdeen Ordnance Museum. Left to right are Maj. Gen. J. H. Himrichs; Nat'l Cndr Connell; and Dept Cndr Kent T. Lundgren, of Michigan.

WASHINGTON's historic shrines and its busy government buildings gave visiting Legionnaires plenty of things to see, but competing for attention were scores of celebrities from all parts of the world who took part in the National Convention. The result was, Legionnaires filled Washington's trolleys, buses and taxis trying to see and hear as much as possible in the week or less most of them spent in the capital.

Convention Personalities



Hon.
Edith Nourse Rogers
Chmn, House Veterans
Affairs Committee



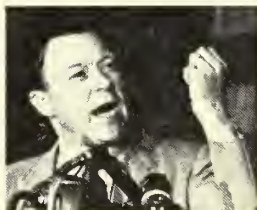
Hon. Earl Warren
Chief Justice of the
United States



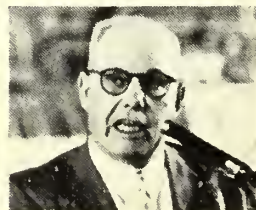
Harvey Higley
Administrator of
Veterans Affairs



Adm.
Arthur W. Radford
Chmn
Joint Chiefs of Staff



Walter P. Reuther
President, C.I.O.



George Meany
President, A.F. of L.



▲ Mount Vernon attracted thousands of Legionnaires who saw the home of George Washington just as it was when he lived there.

◀ Others made pilgrimages to shrines such as the Jefferson Memorial.



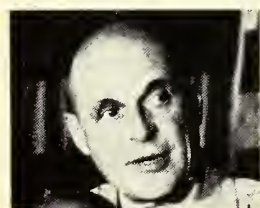
▲ "China will be free and so will the world," said Mme. Chiang Kai-shek addressing the Commander's Dinner.

Matters of state were forgotten for the time being by these leaders as they gathered at the National Commander's Dinner at the Statler. Left to right are Frank Clement, Governor of Tennessee; George N. Craig, Governor of Indiana and Past National Commander; John Fine, Governor of Pennsylvania; and Edward F. Arn, Governor of Kansas.



Many took time out to pay their respects to our honored dead at Arlington.

Convention Personalities



Gen. Matthew Ridgway
Army Chief of Staff



Morton Downey
Convention Soloist



Waurine Walker
President, NEA



The nation's Capitol was the setting for many an informal reunion as visiting Legionnaires met old friends.



Some Resolutions Summarized

BELOW, IN ADDITION to those mentioned elsewhere, are summaries of the sense of some of the 172 resolutions passed by the National Convention in Washington:

#61. Extend Social Security benefits to age 21 for the children of veterans who died from service causes, if children are continuing education.

#582. Strengthen agencies working against entry of illegal narcotics.

#644. Legion Dep'ts review their state laws for education of children of deceased and disabled veterans, assure their adequacy.

#114. Legion Constitution amended so that rules of one Nat'l Convention will be temporary rules of the next, until it writes its own rules.

#162. Seek Act of Congress to fix July 27, 1953 (Korea truce date) as cut-off date for Korea war period military service providing Legion membership eligibility.

#275. Oppose proposed legislation that would reduce veterans benefits, dilute the scope of VA or adversely affect its function.

#267. Urge private physicians to study, independently, the content and intent of 3 American Medical Ass'n resolutions of 1954 stating AMA policy on veterans medicine.

#94. Seek immediate increase of VA hospital beds for treatment of mentally disabled veterans.

#474. Commend House Committee on Veterans Affairs for its investigation and report on unjustified charges that there is extensive abuse by veterans of the non-service-connected hospital privilege.

#289. Seek to raise the outside-income limitations governing pension awards to conform with living costs.

#400. Seek decentralization of administration of death claims in VA.

#639. Legion maintain interest in studies of 2nd Hoover Commission.

#295. Urge that U. S. Senate create a veterans affairs committee.

#102. Seek flight training for Air Force ROTC students.

#46. Seek air base construction adequate to support 137 combat wings.

#47. Seek a combat-ready 137 wing Air Force by 1957.

#82. Seek adequate underground Civil Defense shelters for factory and assembly sites.

#131. Seek law to make Federal Sur-

plus Property available to state and territorial Civil Defense organizations, and seek equitable distribution of available Civil Defense equipment and supplies.

#379. Seek disaster relief training in secondary schools.

#453. More Posts of Legion establish Civil Defense rescue teams, and aid communities in acquiring rescue unit equipment.

#454. Asks American Bar Ass'n to



W. Elliott Nefflen (W. Va.) speaks at meeting of committee on Internal Affairs.

create Civil Defense Committee to cooperate with Legion.

#319. Reaffirms Legion policy calling for single supply catalog system in Armed Forces.

#499. Reaffirms Legion support of a strong, privately owned and operated American Flag merchant fleet. Subheads of this resolution included specific Legion support for: A long-range ship construction program; Restoration of the U. S. coast-wise fleet; Panama Canal toll rates to pay waterway costs, but not total cost of Canal Zone; Continuation of requirement that 50% of cargoes financed by U. S. gov't move on U. S. bottoms; Continued maintenance of King's Point U. S. Merchant Marine Academy.

#231. Urge Defense Dep't to remove causes of disaffection and low morale in Armed Forces Reserve Programs.

#111. Restore A. U. S. status to personnel of the 14th Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army.

#43. Recommend draft boards have two members with previous military experience.

#13. Oppose exchange of atomic information with communist nations until such time as they earn our trust by deeds.

#426. Oppose any agreement to ban use of nuclear weapons, until such time as such agreements can be made unbreakable by any parties to them.

#180. Urge Congress to enact UMT, with trainees reverting to compulsory affiliation with Reserve training units, callable to active duty if necessary by the Selective Service System.

#618. Urge immediate modernization of Panama Canal.

#196. Oppose reduction of medical and any other benefits of dependents of Armed Forces personnel.

#45. U. S. provide additional advantages for Armed Forces personnel to bolster attractiveness of service.

#64. Establishes a ceiling on membership quotas assigned to Legion Dep'ts. Quota may not exceed a higher percentage of eligible veterans in a Dep't area than twice the percentage of eligible veterans enrolled nationally.

#509. Amends Res. #44 (1953) to permit area conferences of Legion programs to be held at a time that would best suit the purposes of the individual program.

#635. Urge adequate appropriations for Veterans Employment Service.

#345. Bureau of Veterans Recmployment Rights be adequately staffed.

#191. Amend Civil Service Retirement Act to remove conflict with Veterans Preference Act.

#194. Grant subpoena power to Civil Service Commission in Veterans Preference Act cases.

#348, 349, 535. Maintain and honor Veterans Preference Act.

#534. Gov't readjust Civil Service pay scale, consonant with present living costs.

#634. Make Korea vets' farm training program as beneficial as WW2 program was.

#530. All state colleges & universities require entering and graduating exam on U. S. history.

#653. Commend the Congress and the President for outlawing communist party. (Passed by acclamation.)

#656. Urges more investigation of communist summer camps.

#658. Asks a new Congressional investigation of tax-exempt foundations.

#202. Asks U. S. to impose on foreign correspondents in U. S. same restrictions their countries impose on U. S. correspondents there.

#322. Asks schools to cease using as educational materials UNESCO pamphlets endorsing world citizenship and world government.

#404. Opposes reversal of conviction of Steve Nelson, seeks U. S. Supreme Court consideration of case.

#52. Supports McCarran-Walter Act.

#74. Urges continuation of Congressional investigating committees.



National Commander Seaborn P. Collins and his wife Lelia Jane acknowledge the applause of the delegates after his election.

36th National Convention Elects New National Officers



Rev. Albert J. Hoffmann
Dubuque, Iowa
National Chaplain

SEBARN P. COLLINS, Las Cruces, N. M., businessman became the first from his State to gain the post of National Commander when he received the unanimous approval of the Convention delegates.

Cmdr Collins, 6-foot, 3-inch former AAF pilot in WW2 was nominated by his father-in-law, George R. Quesenberry and his nomination was seconded by Jim Day, Nat'l Executive Committeeman, of Maine, and by Bill Burke, Junior, Past Dept Cmdr of California.

J. Addington Wagner of Michigan was nominated by Tommy Rommell, Past Dept Cmdr of Michigan. The third candidate, W. C. "Dan" Daniel of Virginia was nominated by the former Governor of his State, John S. Battle.

Following the withdrawals of Daniel and Wagner in favor of Collins, Rev. Tom B. Clark, Oklahoma, Nat'l Chap-

Nominated for National Commander



J. Addington Wagner
Battle Creek, Mich.



W. C. "Dan" Daniel
Danville, Va.



National Vice Commanders elected were, left to right: Dr. Carl J. Rees, Newark, Del.; Leonard Jackson, Clarks, La.; Robert L. Shelby, Salt Lake City, Utah; Patrick H. Mangan, Brattleboro, Vt.; Howard C. Kingdom, Conneaut, Ohio.

lain, moved that the election be made unanimous and it was so ordered.

The election of Rev. Albert J. Hoffmann, Catholic priest from Dubuque, Iowa, was unopposed. His nomination was made by Paul Tomquist, Past Nat'l Executive Committeeman of Iowa, and seconded by Rev. Feltham S. James, Methodist minister and Dept Cmdr of South Carolina.



Six of the eight women who will lead the Auxiliary during 1955 are shown here. Left to right are Mrs. Flora B. Weber, Waukesha, Wis., Nat'l Historian; Mrs. Lamont Seals, Homer, La., Nat'l Chaplain; Mrs. Percy A. Lainson, Fort Madison, Iowa, Nat'l President; Mrs. John Hunt, Port Sanilac, Mich., Vice President; Mrs. Andre J. Breaux, Beaumont, Tex., Vice President; Mrs. Sando Dorsett, Phoenix, Ariz., Vice President. Not present when picture was taken were Mrs. Ernest Gladu, Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Crawford Mortenson, Ord, Neb., Vice Presidents.

About a Million Ladies

EFFECTIVE COOPERATION with the Legion in every aspect of its work for America was an outstanding feature of the reports to The American Legion's Auxiliary's 34th Nat'l Convention, held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington along with the Legion's big show.

As Nat'l President for the coming year, the delegates named unanimously Mrs. Percy A. Lainson of Fort Madison, Iowa, who climaxed a long service in Auxiliary affairs with the Chairmanship of the Nat'l Rehab Committee during the past year. Mrs. Lainson is the wife of Percy A. Lainson, Warden of the Iowa State Penitentiary and one of America's leading criminologists. Her husband, son, daughter and son-in-law are all members of the Legion.



Receiving an award at the Legion Convention is Mrs. L. F. Hobart, Sr. first President of the Auxiliary. With her is outgoing Nat'l President, Mrs. Harold S. Burdett.



Major social event of the Auxiliary Convention was the All States Dinner.

San Diego Wins Legion Jr. Baseball World Series

The "Cinderella" team of Post 492, San Diego, Cal., won the Legion Baseball Crown on Sept. 5 at Parker Field, Yakima, Wash.

Before a crowd of 7,142 fans — largest in the history of the ball park — the Californian's jumped off to a quick lead in the final game against the team of Gastonia, Post 23, N. C. Five errors by the Tar-Heels in the first four innings gave San Diego a 7 to 2 lead which they held until the end of the game.

San Diego, which did not find a sponsor until two weeks after the Legion Baseball season began, lost only the opening game to Post 103, Maplewood, Mo., 8 to 2.

In the fifth game they gained revenge and eliminated Maplewood in a 3-hour and 15 minute marathon which saw 26 bases on balls. The sixth game which saw Gastonia and San Diego meet was the thriller of the series and was won by San Diego 3 to 2 in eleven innings.

The series drew the second largest crowd in Junior Baseball history when 40,269 persons passed through the gates for the seven-game series.

Maplewood, Mo., Post 103 was represented in a Junior series for the first time. Baltimore Post 33, Baltimore, Md., and Post 23, Gastonia, N. C., had both won the national title in previous years.

Post 492, San Diego, Cal., won its first title and the third for its city, since Post 13, San Diego, had won two previous series.

Gastonia, N. C., backers of their team, sent money to buy each member of the squad a suit of clothes. Buddy Lewis, former third baseman for the Washington Senators, was provided with a camera to film the team in action. Gastonia received wire reports of all games and live broadcasts of games in which their team played.

The Hall of Fame award went to San Diego 3rd baseman William Capps. The 17-year-old 6-footer batted .311 and played brilliant ball in the field.

The Louisville Slugger trophy for batting in tournaments went to Jack Hopper, Gastonia outfielder and Jim Galasso, San Diego infielder both of whom had a .375 average.

Lou Brissie, Nat'l Commissioner of Junior Legion Baseball congratulated Chm'n Owen Carpenter and his aides for a job well done.

THE REBELLIOUS HERO

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2. This command again wishes to make its position clear, as stated in Reference (C). It is felt that all hands did a job of equal importance.

3. Enclosure (1) forwarded under separate cover contains the names of three hundred and two officers and enlisted men, serving aboard the destroyer *USS Comet* (DD-985).

Charles R. Taylor
Commander, U. S. Navy
Commanding

NAVY DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON

15 February 1954

FROM: BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
MEDALS AND AWARDS SECTION
(PERS: Z-7)
WASHINGTON, D. C.
TO: COMMANDING OFFICER
USS COMET (DD-985)
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET
SUBJ: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRONZE
STAR MEDAL; REQUEST FOR
REF: (A) OUR LETTER DATED 5 JANU-
ARY 1954
(B) BATTLE REPORTS OF BAKER
COMPANY
(C) YOUR LETTER DATED 14
JANUARY 1954
(D) OUR LETTER DATED 19 JAN-
UARY 1954
(E) YOUR LETTER DATED 1 FEB-
RUARY 1954

1. This activity acknowledges receipt of the names of three hundred and two crewmembers of the *USS Comet* (DD-985) who have been recommended for the Bronze Star Medal for performance of duty as stated in Reference (B).

2. We *again* call attention to the request of this office as stated in Reference (A) and (D). If that correspondence may have been misinterpreted we *repeat* that names of six (6) crewmembers are desired for recommendation for subject award.

3. It is further *suggested* that all men commended be Officers or Chief Petty Officers. This should help in narrowing down the list of possible candidates for subject award.

4. It is *urged* that the Commanding Officer of the *USS Comet* (DD-985) reply to this request immediately upon receipt.

T. N. TERROR
David L. Cardiff,
Commander, U.S. Navy
By Direction

15 February 1954

Cdr. Charles R. Taylor, USN
Commanding Officer
USS Comet (DD-985)
U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Dear Chick,

I'm writing a short letter after sending out the official correspondence, and hope you receive this before making another foolish reply.



*The nicest gift of all
is a Long Distance call*

Next to being there in person, there's nothing quite so warm and satisfying as a voice-visit by telephone. Long Distance service is quick, friendly and courteous. And rates are surprisingly low, especially after six o'clock every night and all day Sunday. Somewhere today there is someone who would like to hear your voice.

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New York to Philadelphia.....	40¢
Cleveland to Baltimore	75¢
Atlanta to Indianapolis	85¢
Chicago to Dallas.....	\$1.20
Los Angeles to Boston	\$2.00

These are the Station-to-Station rates for the first 3 minutes, after 6 o'clock every night and all day Sunday. They do not include the federal excise tax. Low rates for similar distances all over America.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM



When you call, remember to Call by Number. It's faster.

Holy jumping sea lions! Do you realize the furor you're causing back here at the home of the Great White Father? I was personally directed by none other than Rear Admiral "T.N.T." himself to make the official correspondence clear, I repeat, clear as to what is desired in commendations for crewmembers from your ship.

Do you know that you have replaced Dick Tracy as the main topic of discussion during the coffee breaks? I've even heard rumors floating around that a board of inquiry will look into the matter. It's also been said that a couple of Congressmen have heard of you and have been asking questions.

This shore duty is great. I've been back here for two years now, and hope to remain for a couple more. I get along real fine by going along with the system. I guess you've had too much sea duty and have forgotten that you can't buck City Hall. They say they want to give out three medals, that means they want give out three medals. They ask for six names, they *don't* mean three hundred and two names.

Everything was going fine here. I like my job as Officer-in-Charge of the Medals and Awards Section. My wife likes the idea of seeing me come home every night. My kids like the school here, and have finally come around to believing that they have a daddy and

the guy in the photographs is really me. It feels great to come home without having the children inform my wife that "that man is here again."

Then what happens. You shake up my whole department by having scruples. After all, we have our futures to think of, and yours won't be very secure if you persist in irritating the home office. I know this medal business isn't always fair, but in all sincerity, it is most of the time.

When the Admiral discovered you and I were old classmates he nearly popped a river, like it was my fault or something. So please, please, do what we asked and send in six (6) names.

Guess that's about it for now. Give my love to your wife and children when you make that periodic home port of call, and write when you find time.

Sincerely,
David L. Cardiff,
Commander, U.S.N.
Officer-in-Charge
Medals and Awards Section
Washington, D. C.

19 February 1954

Cdr. David L. Cardiff, USN
Officer-in-Charge
Medals and Awards Section
Washington, D. C.
Dear Dave,

I received your letter and the official

correspondence this morning, so will hasten to answer both. But you first.

I am a little surprised to hear that I'm causing all this trouble in your department, but I fear, as the saying goes, I'll stick to my guns. My conscience prohibits me from taking any other stand but the course I'm following, on insisting that my entire ship's company share in any laurels given for outstanding performance of duty. I believe the records will prove that nothing can be



"Why use a stunt man? It's the final scene and we're not picking up his option. Let him jump!"

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accomplished without teamwork, and I'm proud to say that's what we have aboard the *USS Comet*.

As an old destroyer man yourself, I believe you'll appreciate a Captain's statement when he claims, without a doubt, to have the finest warship afloat.

I'll go back nearly a year and review briefly the happenings on April 28 and 29, the period for which we have been singled out as performing an outstanding job. Actually, all we did was carry out the duties we were trained for; but we have the satisfaction of knowing we did a good job of it.

On the morning of 28 April 1953, the *Comet* was patrolling off the West Coast of Korea. You know how monotonous it becomes when you're doing the same thing day after day. It came as a welcome diversion then, when a patrol plane notified the Task Force Commander of the Marine Company's predicament, and we were ordered to the area to give all possible assistance.

As we approached the battle area, we realized the surrounding waters probably were mined, but again, there was a chance they might not be. Now, your activity wants me to single out six men, and I'll start here, trying to

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When I asked for volunteers to man a boat to go ashore and make arrangements with the Marine Company Commander to remove his men, every man aboard put in a bid. One of the first to insist on making the hazardous trip was my Chief Boatswain's Mate. His younger brother was one of those killed when the *Comet* took a direct hit.

I could go on and on citing various incidents and individual acts of heroism, but it all comes back to teamwork and pride in the ship, and pride in the Navy.

Because I have been more or less ordered to resubmit a list of names I will do so. With the official correspondence I'm enclosing the names of my twenty-one officers, fourteen chief petty officers, and two hundred and fifty-seven enlisted men. I leave it up to your activity to determine which ones are more heroic than the others.

Give my regards to Admiral "T.N.T." Terror, and apologize for me, if I need apologizing, for being obstinate. He may remember me as one of his junior officers when he commanded the old *USS Jacoby*. I've always been rather proud to be a "Terror"-trained man.

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U. S. Pacific Fleet
Dear Chick,

You have probably wondered why there has been no "official correspondence" for the past few weeks so I'm taking time out today to enlighten you with the latest developments. If my letter doesn't seem to have continuity, bear in mind that there have been so many things happening, I don't know how to begin.

First of all, you may remember that I mentioned I had heard a couple of Congressmen were looking into your case of bucking the Medal and Awards Section. Well, they were.

When they dug into your records and discovered you were "The" Chick Taylor, famous PT Boat skipper in the Pacific, landing craft skipper at Normandy, and survivor of two sunken ships, a thorough investigation was immediately started of the Baker Company incident.

Some survivors of Baker Company were traced down, and contacted, and your ears must have been burning when they described "That Crazy Tin-Can Captain" who literally saved them from a Korean grave nearly a year ago.

Why, for God's sake, didn't you let people know you had personally gone ashore in the first small boat to take off the survivors?

Well, when the minute details were brought out, you attained the personal satisfaction of having your entire crew recognized. Official notice will soon be forthcoming awarding a Unit Commendation to the *USS Comet*. As for your-

self, you can prepare to hang another Navy Cross with your collection.

Now this next part will slay you. After receiving your last letter, I went home, talked it over with my wife, and requested sea duty. Real crazy, huh? I guess I just thought I was well off being ashore. I am really looking forward to getting another sea command.

You asked me to remember you to old "T.N.T." I went so far as to let him read your letter and I swear he wiped a tear from his eye before he commented: "So they still have sailors in this Navy." Last I heard, he had requested sea duty.

I hope you won't be angry, but the Admiral asked permission to put your letter on the bulletin board, and I gave it to him. As a result, the transfer section has been swamped by the "old-timers" with requests for sea duty.

That just about covers everything for now. Give our love to your family, and write a few lines when you have time.

Sincerely yours,
Dave Cardiff
Commander
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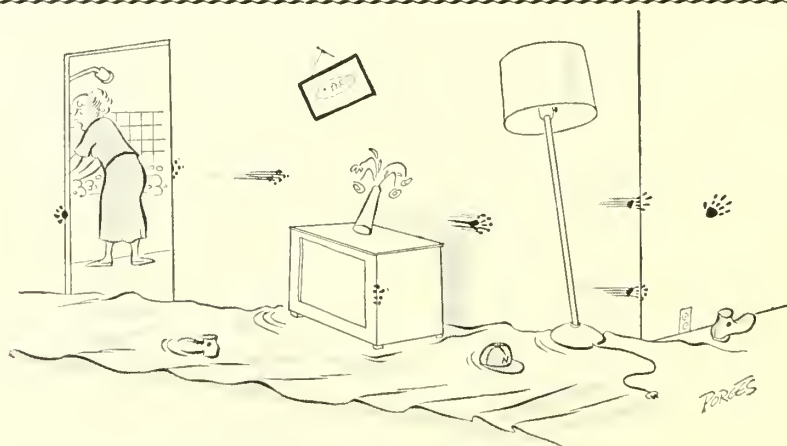
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"I am sure Stan Musial takes a bath after each game."

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WHAT'S HAPPENED TO WEST COAST FOOTBALL?

(Continued from page 19)

California and California, and almost every good schoolboy football player west of the Rockies wanted to go to one of the three. Since all three universities had almost unlimited funds, great coaches and strong alumni bodies, the only competition they got was from one another.

Today, the conference lives under a strict sanity code, administered by Vic Schmidt, its commissioner. Schmidt, a former lawyer, has his own private eyes who are constantly watching for violations of the code. He doesn't catch them all, and there is still some cheating, but the day when a California school could swipe an all-scholastic star out of Oregon or Washington is about over. And, since the three big conference teams have gone down so far, there's no particular attraction to any of them for boys from the other coast States.

While the conference teams have sagged in the west, at least they're still in existence. The best of the independent clubs have folded completely. For example, Santa Clara, which won successive Sugar Bowl games from Louisiana in 1936 and 1937, and was good enough to beat Oklahoma in 1948 and to whip Kentucky in the 1950 Orange Bowl game, has dropped football.

So have the colorful Galloping Gaels of St. Mary's, who won fame under the great Slip Madigan. In the 'thirties, they played some brilliant and thrilling games against a Fordham club which ranked with the best in the east, and they beat Texas Tech in the 1938 Cotton Bowl game. But times changed after the war, and the Gaels finally threw in the towel. The same thing happened at San Francisco and Loyola, both of which had good years from time to time.

Loyola's last coach, Jordan Olivar, is now at Yale, and therein lies a perfect example of what's wrong with West Coast football. Olivar, a Villanova graduate, went to Loyola in 1949 and built up a winner there. But the team failed to draw customers and the school gave up football in 1951. Olivar, who has a thriving insurance business in Los Angeles, wanted a California berth, but no conference team offered him enough money to make it worth his while. He ended up signing with Yale, as assistant to Herman Hickman. When Hickman quit, Olivar got the number one job at Yale. The far west couldn't even compete with the Ivy League for one of the best coaches in the country, who was right on the spot and wanted to stay there.



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From where I sit by Joe Marsh

What's New with Cows?

Catching up on my reading, I noticed three news items you might like to know about.

First, a farmer whose cows' milk had a trace of garlic flavor is now feeding his cows chlorophyll tablets to sweeten their breaths.

Next, a college agricultural station has trained a herd to get milked when they are called by number. Seems 75 out of 80 cows learned their numbers in a few days. Guess the "dumb" five couldn't count that high. Final item—cows are getting "nose-printed" for identification.

From where I sit, I hope there is as much progress being made with human beings . . . especially in regard to tolerance. Whether it's a choice of a political party, a basketball team, or a favorite beverage, let's learn to live and let live more. You may ask for a soft drink after a hard day's work—I'll choose a refreshing glass of temperate beer. But let's not try to "cow" the other fellow into our way of thinking!

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With some isolated exceptions, the record of coast teams in intersectional competition has been pretty miserable in recent years. Take, for example, the famous Notre Dame-U.S.C. series, which used to be one of football's annual classics. The only reason it isn't anymore is because Southern California has collapsed, while Notre Dame has continued to maintain its high standards.

Between 1929 and 1939, the series was an exact standoff, with each club winning five games and tying one. Since 1940, the Irish have been so much the better of the two that the series has become a farce. The Trojans haven't much to show for the past fifteen years. They won the 1950 game and held the Irish to a tie in 1948, but Notre Dame has swept everything else.

Obviously, the wisest thing that U.S.C. can do is drop the Irish from its schedule. Students, alumni and fans would have insisted upon it if the Trojans had got kicked around like that in the 'thirties. They had too much pride to tolerate such a situation. There doesn't seem to be that sort of pride left on the West Coast any more.

Look what happened in the Rose Bowl, where the records parallel the Notre Dame-Southern California setup. In the 'thirties and early 'forties, the game nearly always resulted in a West Coast victory, and sometimes the outcome was disastrous for eastern invaders. The Trojans of 1938 and 1939 lost only one game during the two seasons combined. In both years, they went to the Rose Bowl and wrecked perfect seasons for the opposition. They slapped down an unbeaten, untied and unscored-on Duke club on January 1,

1939, and belted unbeaten, untied and unscored-on Tennessee a year later.

The west continued its domination at Pasadena until after World War II, and then, in 1947, the Pacific Coast Conference officials pulled what turned out to be one of football's mistakes of the century. They signed a long-term contract with the Western Conference, making the Rose Bowl game a private affair between the two college leagues. Then, in the face of repeated shellackings, they signed a renewal when the original contract expired.

To add insult to injury, the Western Conference isn't even obligated to send its champions to the coast every year. Under the terms of the first pact, the Big Ten—then the Big Nine, since Michigan State was not yet a member—had a rule prohibiting the same team from going to California more than once in three years. When the renewal agreement was signed, that clause was changed to once in two years.

As a result, it is possible for the second-place team to represent the Western Conference against the Pacific Coast Conference champions in the Rose Bowl. This happened on January 1, 1949, when the 1948 Northwestern team went to Pasadena. Michigan was undefeated and its coach, Bennie Oosterbaan, was named coach-of-the-year, but the Wolverines had gone to Pasadena the year before. To make matters worse, the Wildcats whipped California, so the West Coast didn't even have the satisfaction of losing its big game to the best of the Big Nine teams.

A year later, Ohio State and Michigan tied for the Western Conference



"This is one policy I'm glad I got — what with Martha doing her own dry cleaning with gasoline, me always smoking in bed, Billy still playing with matches . . ."

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title, but the Buckeyes went, because Michigan, under the old three-year rule still in effect at the time, was again ineligible. For the second year in succession, a team that could well have rated as the mid-west's second best beat the far west's champions. The only time the coast has won a Rose Bowl game under the present setup came two years ago, when U.S.C. eked out a one-touchdown victory over Wisconsin, which had barely slipped into the Big Nine championship.

Obviously, the pact does the West Coast more harm than good. The Pacific Coast Conference would be much better off either playing its own championship game in the Rose Bowl or inviting two strong teams from other sections of the country to meet there. That's what most other bowls do, with the result that, today, better football games are almost always played in the Sugar Bowl, the Orange Bowl and the Cotton Bowl than in the tradition-laden Rose Bowl.

West Coast teams in general have fared little better than Southern California in the Notre Dame series or Pacific Conference champions in the Rose Bowl during the years since 1940. Between 1941 and 1953, western teams won 45 games, lost 61 and tied four in intersectional competition. But in the years between 1929 and 1940, the far west had a winning percentage, with 42 wins, 39 defeats and five ties. Even the modern victories meant little, for many of the losing teams from other sections of the country were either weak or were in the throes of bad seasons.

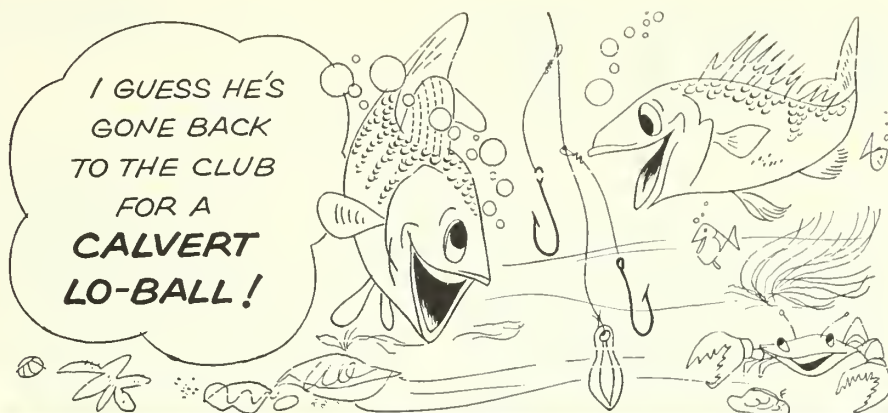
When western teams were beaten, they were often really racked up. The 1941 Texas team smacked Oregon, 71-7, and Ohio State beat Southern California, 33-0, the same year. In almost every season since, some coast team has taken a fearful whipping from alien quarters. Last year alone, western teams were badly creamed five different times. Twice, the opposition ran up 50 or more points, and Notre Dame piled up 48 in its annual victory over Southern California.

Only one time in the twelve years previous to 1941 did an outside team collect as much as forty points against far west competition, and that was in 1940, when Michigan beat California, 41-0.

Obviously, the coast teams must stop playing footsie with real football teams or else take steps to mend their own fences. Someone in that sector of the country must have enough common sense to make the first move, or, if not common sense, then pride.

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KNOW HOW TO DRIVE?

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a lot more and this builds up internal heat and it's heat that kills any tire. Yet, when we check tire pressures here we almost always find them underinflated. If people would read their owner manuals they'd find that the recommended tire pressure is say, 22 pounds, *cold* pressure. A lot of drivers, though, check tire pressures when the tires have been heating up on the road for a couple of hours of running. They put in 22 pounds. Then, when the tire cools down, there's only 16 or 17 pounds. The idea is that 22 pounds *cold* allows for the air to expand to a safe pressure when the tire warms up. Just to be on the safe side, we put about 26 pounds in all low-pressure tires. That allows for temperature and adds a lot to the life of the tire."

All tire shop and service station operators agreed that correct inflation, plus periodic checking of front end wheel alignment and tire rotation at least every 3,000 miles were the key to long tire life. A Newark car fleet operator, who had kept careful records over a period of ten years, told me that rotating the tires (switching them from corner to corner) every 3,000 miles increased their life by as much as 50 percent.

Smooth work with clutch and gear-shift used to be one of the country's fine arts. In the old days of the progressive shift, when the way from first to high was through second and no short cuts were allowed, shifting gears had been both a challenge and a nuisance. There were all kinds of attempts to eliminate it, from electricity to air.

A neighbor of ours had what must have been the ultimate in "shiftless" cars. This was a Woods Dual Power, in which the engine, instead of driving the wheels, drove a generator which powered an electric motor which, finally, drove the car. All the lucky driver had to do was control the flow of current, but he never knew whether to have this private trolley-bus repaired in a garage or at an electrician's.

Just before the last war a really good automatic transmission was introduced. Today they are as common as slip covers, but there is still a lot of misunderstanding about how to use them efficiently. First of all, there's a widespread feeling that they increase gasoline consumption. Well, it's true that, in heavy traffic, with a lot of stop and go running, you pay a trifle more for the extra convenience. Over a long period, however, any automatic now on the market can deliver gas mileage as good as, if not better than, a conventional shift *if the driver uses comparable moderation in driving.*

I had an opportunity to check this in

a Cleveland dealership. When I asked the service manager about complaints on gas mileage he said that they were still fairly common, especially among owners who had previously been driving conventional shift cars. He suggested that I return in the afternoon when an owner with just such a complaint on a new car was due in to have it checked.

The owner, a conservatively-dressed woman, appeared in due course and made her complaint. The manager introduced me as a visiting service man and asked if I might come along on the road test.

The owner took us off through traffic

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Let's not forget them this year!

in the best hot-rod tradition. Her top speed was not particularly high but, obviously charmed by the effortlessness of the automatic shift, she jackrabbed away from each light and came out of corners in a burst of power. On the open highway she passed other cars by pressing the accelerator to the floor and bringing in the emergency high-speed range. If she had handled a hand-shift car in the same way (assuming that she had the skill to make the necessary lightning shift) she would have burned up even more gasoline.

I found that this was the usual cause of mileage complaints on automatic shift cars. Without prompting on my part, service men, both in dealerships and independent shops, almost unanimously agreed that the great majority of mileage complaints could be traced to over-enthusiastic driving by the owners.

Another common complaint about automatics is that they "run away," and that the lack of engine drag shortens brake life and makes mountain driving hazardous.

Now, this has some truth in it. An automatic transmission, by its very nature, permits some slip between engine and wheels. There is not enough, however, to constitute a serious problem.

Fast take-offs in traffic, with resultant harder stops, accounted for much of the heavier brake wear, but I wanted to check on the behavior of the automatics on mountain roads in the hands of the average driver. I got a clue from a trooper in upper Pennsylvania. He was parked halfway down a long grade when I stopped to talk with him. I asked him if there was any difference in how automatic and conventional-shift cars hit the grades. He gestured back up the hill.

"Did you notice that sign up there, 'Steep grade, use lower gear'? I've noticed that the cars with automatics almost always come down in high, depending almost entirely on their brakes. All they have to do is flip that lever into 'Low' and the engine will hold them back, but practically none of them bother. I can tell from the engine note. It's louder and heavier when a car is in low or second."

Speaking to owners of cars with automatic shifts, I found that practically all of them felt that "Low" was purely for emergency pulling out of soft ground. They were surprised to discover that it was only necessary to go into "Low" below a suggested speed, usually about 40, to enjoy the same safety on a long grade as in a car with second gear.

Inquiring about the reliability of automatic transmissions, I found from repairmen that their record was excellent. They are so driver-proof, in fact, that the Army is currently switching over from hand shifts even on large trucks. The major cause of failure, I found, was the owner's neglecting to have oil level checked periodically, with an occasional change and refill. Some failures resulted from the car's being towed improperly. It varies from make to make, but in each case the owner's manual recommends the correct procedure for towing that particular car, whether it be by putting the shift in neutral and running at low speed, or, where long distances and high speeds are involved, disconnecting the driveshaft.

I wasn't surprised to discover, while visiting repair shops, that body damage is the biggest single expense on current cars. Since we started to demand couch-length seats, car bodies have swelled out over the running boards and acres of vulnerable sheet metal are now exposed to expensive damage. We'll just have to put up with accident-prone bodies so long as we insist on Pullman-car roominess, but it's obvious from the commonness of certain types of damage that some means should be sought to cut it down. For instance, of 50 parked cars I spotted with damaged front left fenders, only six were fitted with exterior rear view mirrors. It's reasonable to assume that the great majority of these cars were hit while pull-

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I asked a dozen body-shop operators what the average owner could do to reduce body-damage expense. None of them had much to offer, short of having minor damage repaired before it deteriorates further, but there's nothing new about this idea. After all, Rolls-Royce, almost from the beginning, recommended that owners (or their chauff-

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Engines on the new cars are markedly powerful, flexible and quiet in operation. Perhaps because of this, any falling off in performance or increase in noise is more quickly noticeable than in the older, rougher cars. The usual remedy for this is a tune-up.

The old fashioned tune-up largely consisted of trial-and-error adjustment until the engine idled as smoothly and quietly as possible. On one of my own early cars the suggested procedure was to start the engine and open one of the cylinder petcocks in a dark place. Then, while watching the combustion flame through a pane of colored isinglass which the company provided, I was to adjust the carburetor until the color of the flame matched that of the isinglass.

Such methods will hardly do for the

current high-compression, high-horsepower engines. Today the efficacy of the tune-up depends upon the use of instruments designed expressly for the purpose. These instruments—engine analyzers, distributor testers, etc.—exist to fill a real need, not (as many veteran drivers believe) to impress the customer. Unfortunately, not all shops which sell tune-ups have mechanics adequately trained in the correct use of these instruments.

To check on this, I attended classes in the ignition school run by a famous Ohio parts manufacturer. I picked 50 ignition units—coils, condensers and distributors—from among the parts returned by garages under the manufacturer's warranty. I picked them at random and personally tested them on modern testers. All but five were in perfect working order, sure proof that the garages simply had not bothered to test them adequately and had condemned them as an easy way to find the trouble by elimination.

Don't buy a bargain tune-up on any current car—it's meaningless, probably a come-on to charge you for new parts. Don't pay for any tune-up, no matter what it costs, until you have road-tested the car on a familiar route and can feel a positive improvement. If there is no improvement either the tune-up was unnecessary and the shop should have realized it, or the work was simply not done.

Once upon a time car maintenance was largely up to the owner himself. He greased it, adjusted it, watered it and, usually, put it to bed for the winter. My father, for instance, always put the car up on blocks on November 1st, there to remain until the spring. There's a story that on the first good day in spring he used to go out in the back yard and drop a tire iron. If it didn't sink out of sight in the mud it was time to start the touring season.

There's no need to go that far any more. Today's cars are designed to require as little maintenance as possible. However, this does not excuse the owner from the responsibility of personally seeing to it that all regular service is performed. Running out of gas is a nuisance, but running out of oil can mean the price of a new engine, just as it always has. Have water, oil, tire pressure, battery, transmission and rear end checked by the service station attendant if you wish—we rarely do these things ourselves today—but it's up to you to make sure that they are done. Service stations, like cars, have improved, but carelessness and forgetfulness haven't been abolished and it's our pocketbooks which will suffer in the long run. Remember, we spend every fifth retail dollar on automobiles.

THE END

LEGION ROD & GUN CLUB



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For fishermen who spend the long winter nights tying new flies preparing for opening day in the spring, George Leonard Herter of Waseca, Minn., has written a helpful book on fly-tying and tackle tinkering. A 400-page book, illustrated with pen drawings, it sells for \$2.85, cloth-bound. The standard edition, with heavy paper cover is \$1.95. You can get the book direct from Herter's at Waseca. Add 25¢ for postage on single copies either edition. Some subjects covered are color perception of fish, intelligence of fish, tools for making flies and lures, hooks, hackles, insects fish feed on, tying streamers, wet and dry trout flies, bi-visibles, crane flies, spiders, variants, bugs, spinning flies, moths, salmon flies and so on. Ex-President Hoover calls it the "Fisherman's Bible."

Herter's free gunstock catalogue of 90 pages covering gunsmith's supplies is just off the press with a new section on reloading tools.



Things look bright in the pheasant-shooting future. Michigan reports that, despite a kill of over 1,000,000 of the gaudy birds in that State last season, it is apparent that the crop will be even bigger this year. All over the country it seems that the pheasant is on the upgrade. These birds are now beginning to take hold, propagate and hold their own against predators. Pennsylvania and New York report favorably; Wisconsin and several other western and mid-western States also claim good nesting conditions and hatchability, which means more shooting for more people this year.

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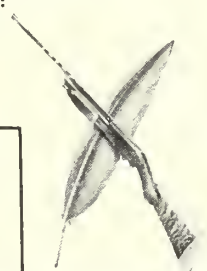


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HOW TO BEHAVE LIKE A SPORTSMAN

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side it breaks until he has fired at least twice. We try not to hurry or rattle him by the fear of another charge cutting in. When he has finished shooting it's often too late for anyone else to make a kill, but a bird which has survived two shots is entitled to live. Many shooters agree in advance to have only one man fire at singles, even though the bird escapes.

When I say my prayers in church, and forgive those who have trespassed against me, I always make a mental reservation in the case of K., who ruined the most promising dog I'll ever have by shooting too close to him. The sudden shock of the muzzle blast made him gun-shy for the rest of his life. Keep a little distance away from the dog when you move up to flush a bird, so the gun won't go off in his ear. You never give commands to another man's dog, nor criticize it, whether or not the dog is working properly. Unfamiliar words and style of command confuse the dog. Rushing the dog not only may make him break, but will often flush the birds too soon, or make them run.

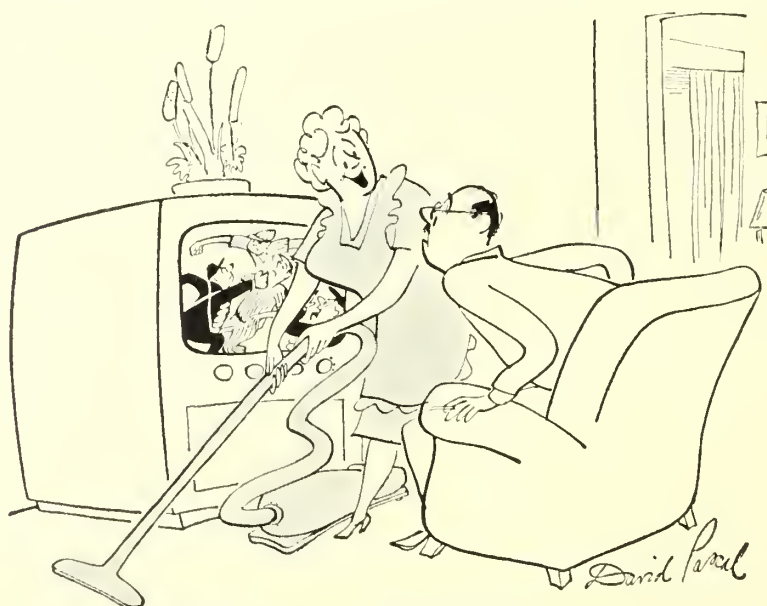
When two hunters are shooting together, each with his own dog, the bird or shot is usually considered to belong to the man whose dog found it. Under this system, the other fellow never fires first unless invited to do so, as might happen when one of the dogs is having a bad day. The owner whose dog is standing game points out positions for the other shooters before the bevy breaks. He usually walks up the game himself. If there's only one dog in the party, the owner assumes the duties of a host, and makes sure that

everyone gets a fair share of the shooting. In thick cover, it's customary to call out "Mark!" before flushing a bird ahead of your dog, so your companions are ready to take the shot if the bird flushes toward them. If a bird gets up unexpectedly, you call "Mark left!" or "Mark right!" to warn the others.

As hunting season traffic increases, it becomes more and more important for hunters to avoid invading one another's field of action. When you see another party moving a covey, the decent thing is to call in your dogs and head in another direction. A scattered covey belongs to the party who scattered it, of course. Sometimes it's hard to keep from crossing in front of oncoming hunters, and there are times when it's not clear which group should give way. As in other areas of good manners, the shooter who gives way first is generally a better sportsman and a better man.

Never try to mix bird shooting and rabbit shooting when you're out with dogs. When you jump a rabbit, each hunter takes a stand and stays there. No sportsman will leave his stand to try to head off the rabbit or get a premature shot. The hounds will chase a circling cottontail so that some member of the party is almost sure to get a shot.

Most important item in duck shooting, when two or more guns are in the same blind, is to insure that they do not interfere with one another. The gunners should understand without words to whom a bird belongs. A single belongs to the man on whose side it approaches. He should have more than one shot if he needs it. Lots of us also apply this rule to pairs. When ducks come con-



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stantly from one side, as they might from leeward, turns are taken on single birds.

Most sets are placed so that the wind is behind the shooters. Division of incoming birds into those on the left and those on the right is then easy. When permanent blinds are used, the wind may not be behind the shooters and the birds will cross. With such a flock, the lead bird is given to the man farthest away; that is, if a flock is crossing from right to left, the man on the left gives the word to fire, normally fires the first shot and shoots at the leader of the flock. His partner picks his birds from the rear of the flock. Watch out on crossing shots not to shoot across your companion's face.

Duck shooting one time down on Flanders Bay, I shared a blind with two men who were important to me in business, and who enjoyed much higher rank than I in the business world. I was nervous, for I am only a fair shot, and conditions were not ideal for fancy marksmanship—a northeaster of gale force with rain and sleet, and a blind sat at right angles to the howling wind. There was much friendly joshing aimed at me, because I have hunted and shot at targets for so many years, am associated with the sporting arms and ammunitions industries, and write on shooting for magazines. Unless I performed marvels in the blind, I would be suspected as a fourflusher.

After a long, wet, and uncomfortable wait, we saw a single scaup, flying low and obviously looking for company. The scaup was rocketing downwind like a jet plane, planning to circle the stool. But one decoy was upset, and the duck flared off and started to climb. He was on our left, so I whispered to the Big Boss: "Your bird!" The Big Boss took one look at the blur of wet feathers, gulped, and said to the Middle-Sized Boss: "You take him, T. J." The Middle-Sized Boss hadn't time, or had his safety on, or was thinking of something else, so he said: "He's yours, Bob." By that time the broadbill was past us and traveling at about the speed of sound, I threw up my autoloader and swung past the bird. To my absolute amazement, the duck did a somersault and tumbled into the roiled waters. The hit was as lucky as if I had fired with my eyes closed. And it was the only shot we had all day. Served 'em right—though I nearly drowned picking up the duck.

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will stool to our decoys. Trouble is, if you shoot at those big flocks you drive them away from the marsh, and they probably won't come back. It is therefore a general rule never to shoot into flocks, especially when you're hunting on club grounds. Naturally, the clubs want to keep the big rafts in the area. Eight or ten ducks should be the biggest flock at which you fire.

My house faces on Manhasset Bay, and on any clear morning during duck season I can see four to six floating blinds, most of them built on war-surplus life rafts. Last fall I noticed that one group of shooters would send a launch around behind the big rafts of broadbills and drive the ducks toward their blind. This is illegal and none of the other shooters in the neighborhood considered it mannerly. You could almost see smoke rising from the adjacent blinds as the shooters within unlimbered their vocabularies. Flock after flock was chased from the bay, until finally the president of our local sportsmen's club went out to reason with the offenders. As it turned out, they were good guys, but beginners who didn't realize that there was anything the least bit wrong with duck herding.

When there are other blinds in the neighborhood, it's only good sense not to try those extreme-long-range shots at a bird that might go to another blind. If you bust loose, so will the other shooters, and everyone loses. When a duck drops his feet, and you can see his eyes, he's in range. Not before. And I have a cold spot in my heart for the guy who tootles his duck call at birds that are apparently decoying to another gunner.

Duck shooting in most places is for early risers. The lads who stumble out long after sunrise, scaring away every duck in the marsh, are regarded by other shooters with something less than idolatry. (In salt water shooting, of course, tide and wind may govern the best shooting periods more than time of day.) On public waters, the first man out in the morning gets his pick of locations for his blind. Other shooters should not set up too close to him, nor on his line of flight. When a more permanent type blind is erected before opening day, other shooters traditionally respect the precedence of the builder for the season, though some areas are now too crowded for this custom to remain practicable.

The fact that a man is hunting in his home territory gives him no right to infringe the game laws or to interfere with other hunters. If you ever find yourself interfering with another drive, safety, good manners and good sense say: "Keep out of the way."

The rules for driving deer are often ignored to an alarming degree. Drivers

should never carry a load in the chamber. If a deer tries to circle back, it takes only a second to work the action. Above all, drivers *never* should shoot toward the stand. If a deer is jumped and he runs straight for the stand, the stander should have it. Be sure to call or whistle when you get near the stand, and wait till you hear an answer before coming out. Don't depend on your red cap and coat for recognition—some guys are color blind.

If you're on stand, choose a position where you're shooting off to the side rather than back toward the drivers.



"Did you say something, J. T., or is it my stomach rumbling?"

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Never shoulder your rifle at a sound, even though you fully intend to wait to make sure of the target. When the drive is over, everyone should unload his rifle. Needless to say, all cartridges should be removed from chamber and magazine when you enter camp.

In still hunting, go slowly, be sure of your footing before each step, and make sure your companions know your whereabouts by giving a low whistle from time to time. If three or more are hunting stay abreast and in line. Getting too far ahead or behind makes your companions nervous, and should make you nervous too. Sighting-in and practicing should be done *before* you get to the hunting area. A fusilade of shots will drive deer away from your camp and make every other hunter there hate your guts. On closing day, it's sort of a tradition to shoot up excess ammunition in a little friendly target competition. Good idea, too. You'll find out whether or not you need practice before coming out next season. But spare us that guff about how you're not so hot with a motionless paper target set out in bright light, but are a regular

Dan'l Boone when confronted by a running deer in shadow-dappled brush!

One of the greatest sources of argument among hunters is game ownership. Legally, the hunter who *stops* the game is the owner, regardless of previous shots or wounds. Some sportsmen believe that game should belong to the hunter who first draws blood. In parts of the Western U. S. game is considered to belong to the man who takes the first shot, even if he misses, the theory being that the second man fires only to insure that a wounded animal doesn't escape. This would apply only when both of the men who fire at the animal are in the same hunting party.

Suppose a stranger shoots at an animal at which you have previously fired, and which you are trailing? You have no claim if you missed. My own opinion is that when a wounded deer is brought down by a hunter other than the man who first hit it, the animal should belong to the man who fired first only when the second man is a companion on the hunt. If the second shot is fired by a stranger, it should be his venison unless the initial wound is fresh, serious, and was made not more than a few hundred yards away. (I expect to get some argument on this subject, but the rules are vague, and clarification is needed.)

Most hunting is done on property owned by someone else. Never trespass. Get permission, whether or not the land is posted. Remember at all times that you are a guest, and act accordingly. I can get quite emotional on this subject, as I used to be a farmer myself.

Don't be angry if a farmer turns you down. Others may have asked him first, or there may be a bird shortage. Perhaps your party is too big. The farmer would probably like to do some gunning himself when he has time, and doesn't want his fields shot out. He also needs to keep some of the game for breeding stock. I never allowed parties of more than five on my farm.

Lots of hunters will offer to pay a farmer for the privilege of hunting on his land, though if he is wise, the farmer will decline. Acceptance of money reduces his right to legal recovery for damages, and gives some hunters an exaggerated idea of their liberties. Nevertheless, a diplomatic offer to pay lets the farmer know that you appreciate his right to turn you away. He'll be further reassured if you give him your name and address. This will also restrain you if you are tempted to commit vandalism. Incidentally, permission to hunt on one farm gives you no rights on neighboring farms.

Always inquire if there are places the

owner wants you to avoid—where hands are working, livestock is pastured or kids are berry-picking. Certainly you know enough not to shoot near the house, buildings or animals; not to trample through standing crops; nor to cut or break fences, or leave fence gates open. When the farmer gives you permission to hunt, he is assuming that if you do accidentally cause any damage, you will come back like a man and make good on it. "Damage," incidentally, includes filling your pockets with the farmer's produce.

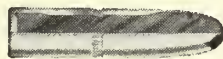
Don't pattern your shotgun or sight-in your rifle on signs. Bury debris from your lunch, or from dressing out game you kill. If you leave offal exposed, the surrounding atmosphere will soon become pungent. Out West, offal attracts coyotes and bears, which promptly start their own inroads on the game supply and on domestic animals. Bury it, even in wild country.

Some bird shooters fall into a frenzy when they see a stray cat in hunting territory, and promptly blast loose all nine lives. I know that domestic cats gone wild kill a lot of birds, but are you sure it is a stray cat, and not the farmer's pet mouser? If he's anywhere near the farm buildings, let the cat alone.

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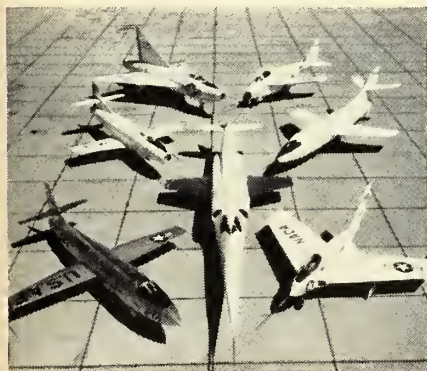
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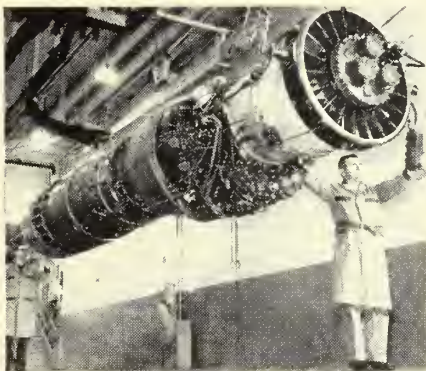
But in spite of this progress, the nation faces a continuing challenge. It takes at least seven years to design, develop and produce a new fighting airplane. And, in the face of known technical advances

behind the Iron Curtain, America's aviation must be *kept* modern . . . must never lag behind.

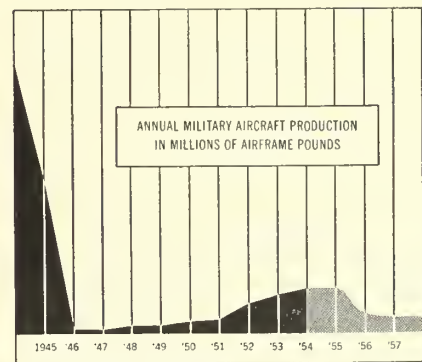
Today, America is vigorously continuing this essential progress in military aviation. If carried forward on the basis of a long-range plan, without costly stop-and-go interruptions, it can achieve and maintain—at lowest possible cost to taxpayers—the kind of strength in the air under which lasting peace may one day be attained.



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When you are around livestock, keep your dogs at heel or on a leash. Cattle, horses and other animals which ignore humans may get excited when a strange dog appears. A stampede of beef or dairy cattle does them no good, and one of them might be injured. You're not likely to find game in an occupied pasture anyway, so keep clear, staying well away from the edges as you go around.

Fence-building is tedious, time-consuming, expensive and necessary. Cattle, sheep, hogs, or horses respond to a damaged fence the same way as a liftermer in Alcatraz, Leavenworth or Sing Sing to an unlocked cell. They get out and get lost. They get killed on a railroad spur or highway. They get tangled and cut in wires. They ruin crops. So when you must cross a fence, for heaven's sake, do it right. Not one hunter in ten knows how. First off, don't try it with a gun in your hand, or lean the gun against the fence. Dead and wounded hunters are an awful nuisance. Put your gun on the ground on the other side of the fence. Then go through or over.

Don't climb the fence at all unless you have to. Go through the gate, making sure not only to close it, but to fasten it as well. If you must climb it, avoid stepping on the wire between posts. It'll break or sag. Have someone hold apart two of the lower wires just far enough for you to slip through. Then do the same for him. Better yet, do your climbing at the post, but be sure not to step on the top wire. Farmers usually carry a couple of staples in their pockets, in case a wire pulls loose. You might do the same. If it's a ramshackle fence, be all the more careful of it.

Only a brave man tries to advise women, but since so many of the gals are turning into Annie Oakleys, I have to face it. Ladies, it is *not* true that most hunters resent women in the party because of jealousy. They only resent those women who take unfair advantage of them. Don't expect drawing-room chivalry, or excessive self-denial on the part of your male companions. Unless you're a bride, your husband doesn't really want to act the part of a gun bearer or beater, let you have all the easy shots and take the hard ones himself, retrieve, dress and carry your dead game. But *don't* try to share the dirty work when doing so will slow up or complicate the party. If you should outshoot any of your male companions, I leave it to your feminine intuition whether or not you should crow about it.

It's best not to talk loud in the field. Wild creatures have ears—better ears, in fact, than we have. The noise of a hunter's movement is not especially

alarming if it's not too close or too loud, but the human voice is always an alien sound to wildlife. Pheasants seem to be particularly frightened by the sound of voices, and will often run when they hear you talking. Whistling is not as alarming as talking, in case you want to signal your companions.

There's a good deal of deliberate misinterpretation of bag limits. When the game laws state that each hunter is entitled to one deer, that doesn't mean that the whole party is entitled to kill a collective limit. If one man fails to get his buck, a companion has no right



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to take two just because you've got two tags to attach to the carcasses. By the same token, if two men go duck shooting, each is entitled to four ducks; but if one man brings down only three, that does not entitle the other to five. This is an almost impossible law to enforce, and, unhappily, I have seldom seen a hunter who observed it. Even beyond the breaking of the law, it's highly inconsiderate for one man to shoot another man's game, just because luck gives him a chance.

There's an old Dutch proverb, "Out together, home together." No matter what happens, you never think of turning homeward until you *know* that all your comrades are safe and ready for the return trip. When you hear three quick shots, they mean distress. This signal calls for a reply—two quick shots. This will encourage a lost hunter to do the correct thing—to stay where he is till you find him.

Not everyone will agree with all the suggestions set down here, and most of these rules can be changed by agreement among your own group of sportsmen. The important thing is to recognize that there is a code of good manners in hunting, and that everyone will enjoy better sport if more of us resolve to observe it.

THE END

HOW SECURE IS THE PANAMA CANAL?

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tenders, furniture workers, masons, carpenters, barbers and printers — by playing a forceful and useful part in pro-labor revisions of Panama's national labor laws.

In 1947, when the Federation was solid, its leaders began to reveal open communist leanings.

From 1942 to 1953, the head of the Labor Federation was Domingo Barria, a tailor who is still on the sunny side of 40. In developing his organization, Barria kept close counsel with Vicente Lombardo Toledano, Latin American red labor organizer based in Mexico City.

Barria is a passionate speaker, peddles the straight commie line. An open member, and one of the directors, of the People's Party, he ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Panama City on the red party ticket in 1952.

In 1953, Barria stepped down, and Marta Matamoros became secretary general of the Panamanian Labor Federation. This lady had been corresponding secretary of the Federation and secretary of the tailors' union. She had worked as a seamstress at the French Bazaar on Central Avenue in Panama City, and has claimed that she was fired by the Bazaar because of her "fight for the rights of labor."

A staunch member of the People's Party, Marta Matamoros only rose to the head of the Labor Federation upon her return from the communist labor congress in Vienna, and a general tour of instruction behind the Iron Curtain, in 1953.

Marta, like Barria, is no more than 40, is a good speaker and spouts the party line faithfully.

Treasurer of the Labor Federation is Feliciano Lara, another persuasive speaker and party-liner who is an old socialist. Lara was a leader in the rent control riots in Panama in 1925 that led to bloodshed and ended in the last recorded open intervention by the U.S. in Panamanian internal affairs.

IV

The red People's Party emerged as a full-blown political outfit with its own candidate for President of Panama in 1948. The candidate was Cristobal Segundo, alternate magistrate of the supreme court of Panama and then president of the People's Party. A distinguished lawyer and not a very active lefty, Segundo made a good front man. His parallel has been seen in the U.S. and elsewhere. Segundo got a few votes in 1948 and now — a man of about 60 — he is practicing law in Panama City, the national capital at the Pacific end of the Canal.

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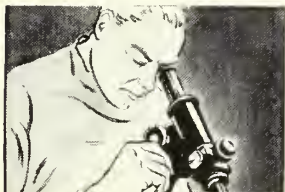
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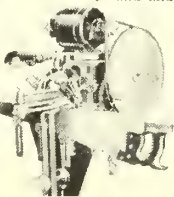
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Segundo and a few other men of fine background in the Party have made it hard to convince the Panamanian in the street that Panama's own little People's Party—made up of fellows we all know—is really a part of the Moscow conspiracy.

Celso Solano, Jr., provided that sort of camouflage for a while. A lawyer and the son of a distinguished lawyer, Solano, Jr. was the People's Party's finest public speaker until 1950. He studied at the University of Bogota in Colombia—scene of many violent student disorders—and aligned himself with the People's Party when he returned home.

Solano, Jr. organized the state branch of the Party in Panama Province, where Panama City is located, under the name of the Independent Provincial Party.

He was a candidate for the National Assembly in 1952, but got little support. The People's Party had thrown him out two years earlier for bucking the Moscow line.

One of the most powerful state organizations of the People's Party in Panama has been the branch in La Chorrere Province, about one hour's ride west of the Canal. Made up mostly of farmers, the La Chorrere branch was organized by Baldomero Gonzalez. Young Gonzalez, son of a wealthy landowner, raised a clamor for free land as the chief bait in his appeal to La Chorrere farmers. The state Party motto was "Tierras libres para el campesino!"—or, Free Land for the Farmer! Gonzalez is now in ill health.

The Youth Branch of the People's Party in Panama has been led by Teodoro Robinson, a Negro Panamanian now about 28 years old. Some of the leading anti-communist Panamanian Negroes report with disgust the ease

with which Robinson was egoed into fronting for Moscow in Panama. In 1948, they testify, Robinson was given about two months of "the tour" of Russia, had a "big time dancing with red-haired girls and came back and raved about it." He went to the East Berlin "Peace Conference" in 1950. Robinson could not finance his journeys abroad himself.

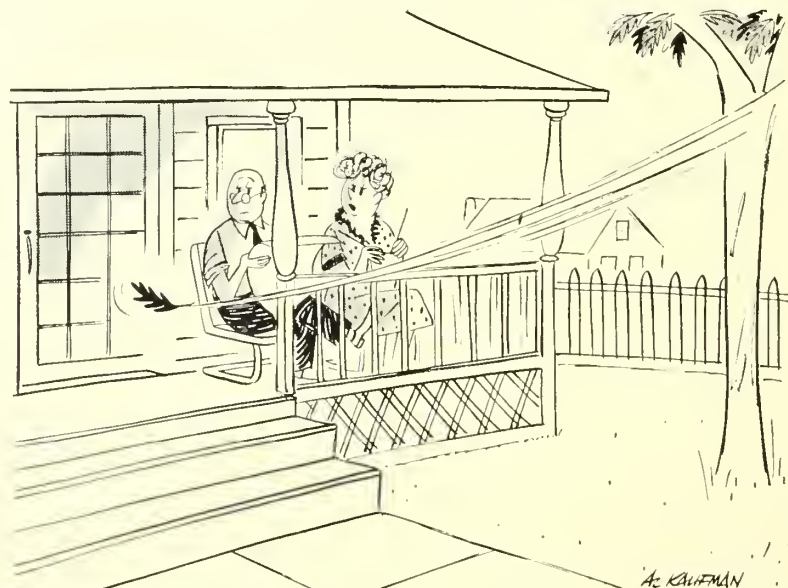
Dr. Carlos Pedrichi, a dentist, is one of a trio of Panamanians who spent considerable time in red China in 1951 as guests of the Peiping government. Dr. Pedrichi is influential in a sincere, quiet and self-sacrificing way, does a lot of free dentistry among the poor in Aquadulce Province.

While studying at the University of Brazil, Pedrichi came under the influence of Luis Prestes, top Brazilian red leader. He returned from his educational trip to China in 1951 by way of Brazil, where he renewed old contacts. Pedrichi is a member of Panama's Committee for Peace (*Comité Pro Paz*) which is about what you'd expect it to be. Dr. Pedrichi comes from a middle class family, is quiet and reserved—probably believes the "brotherhood of man" tenet of the commie line.

An outstanding feminine leader of the People's Party in Panama has been Señorita Santizo, who, while a teacher in Colón High School in 1950, made an extensive tour behind the Iron Curtain in Europe. The Soviets sponsor a Latin American school of subversion in Czechoslovakia which is attended by trusted students from Latin countries.

Perhaps the most influential of the red leaders in Panama in recent years has been a trio of professors—Hugo Victor, Cesar De Leon and Chang Marín.

Victor and De Leon were professors in both the National Institute (high-



"You'd better go pick it up, Murray. You don't want to let them get ahead of you."

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school) and the University of Panama for a number of years. The pair were leading lights in the professor-inspired student riots that touched off the hysteria of the airbases incident in 1947. They maintained constant contact with red agents in other countries during their tenure as teachers employed in government schools in Panama.

Professor Victor has served as president of the People's Party, and Professor De Leon as its secretary general.

Chang Marín, a Chinese-Panamanian, has been an active, aggressive and open communist leader. He is an able, astute and popular man of charm and means in his native Province of Veraguas. Until recently, he was a professor there, in the national teacher's college in Santiago. Marín's family is highly respected.

Other leaders in the People's Party have included Ruben Dario Souza and his cousin, Cleto Manuel Souza, as well as Lenin Brouwer whose barber shop in Panama City has been a place of regular communist meetings.

In 1951, Chang Marín and Cleto Souza went to Peiping as guests of the red China government, where they were later joined by the dentist, Pedrichi. During their absence Panama's secret police inspected, on a tip, a parcel from red China that arrived in the Panama City post office, addressed to a deputy

of the National Assembly, labeled "Swedish crystalware."

It contained "documentary films" of alleged U.S. germ warfare in Korea. In addition to studying germ warfare in China it is supposed that Marín, Souza and Pedrichi also boned up on such peace subjects as espionage, sabotage, labor and peon agitation, and the new object lessons in armed infiltration that have been developed in China, Korea and Indo-China. These are adaptable to the situation in a number of Latin countries, and are being applied in the remoter back-country of Brazil at present.

V

Where red money comes from to finance activities in Panama is a subject that is soft-pedaled even by anti-communists who seem to know. Diplomacy may have something to do with the silence, since Argentina seems to serve as an avenue of convenience for the flow of red funds. When one Argentine diplomat was sent packing from Panama, a professor in Panama wrote a letter—subsequently seen by the wrong eyes—to a friend in Costa Rica, saying that with the dismissal of the Argentine, new arrangements would have to be made to finance the prof's activities.

Local reds are sometimes kept in funds by being awarded Iron Curtain trade agencies, preferably those which

also serve the red propaganda mill. A Panamanian bookstore selling Russian-published reading matter was licensed in the name of Columbia Mendoza, teacher in a La Chorrere junior high school, until President Arnulfo Arias cancelled the license a few years ago.

A mysterious Isaac Vanikoff, traveling on an Argentine passport, visited Panama in October, 1953. He was a "businessman" and had wired ahead to Cleto Souza instructing him to take out a commercial film agency license (for the release of Russian movie films in Panama theaters). In Panama City, Vanikoff met with Professor De Leon, Souza and other People's Party leaders. The secret police, under President Remón, raided a meeting between Vanikoff and De Leon in the Hotel International. They confiscated the papers of the "Argentine" with the Russian name, cancelled his visa and gave him 12 hours to leave the country as an undesirable alien.

Vanikoff may or may not have been traveling with the permission of Argentina. Red agents in Latin America run a regular factory of passport fraud. As long ago as 1948, the then Foreign Minister of Panama, Ignacio Molino, Jr., proposed an agreement among all American nations (and some European ones) to clamp down on the easy international travel and passport racket by

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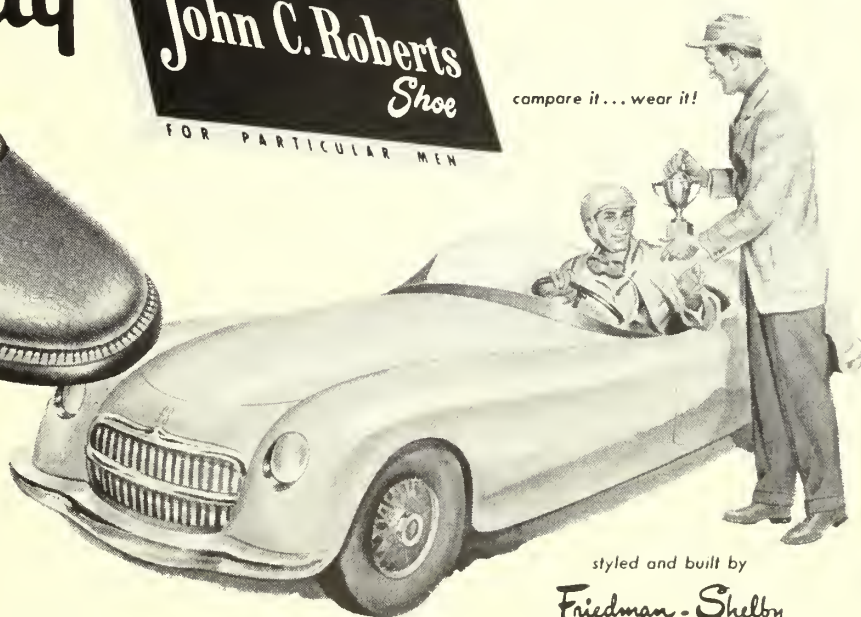


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which commie organizers and fund-raisers move about the Western Hemisphere with blasé illegality. Foreign ministers of several countries sent Molino enthusiastic responses, while others said he had a good idea, but asked how the United States had reacted. Molino, now back at his law practice on the Plaza de Francia in Panama City, says that he never got an answer from the U.S. State Department, and the idea died.

Vanikoff's seized papers listed red agents to visit in his "business" tour, including his contacts in Panama. The



"Oh, I know I can't drive and I don't intend to—I want the license for identification."

connection between Vanikoff and the People's Party leaders in Panama has helped convince doubting Panamanians that their People's Party is indeed a part of the Moscow conspiracy.

Souza didn't get his red film agency, but he runs an office-supply business in Panama today, selling Czech business machines.

VI

What all of this means is that the commies have been trying hard in Panama, as elsewhere. The other side of the coin is they have slid downhill rapidly, since their best days in 1947-48.

It is difficult, in Panama, for the reds to enjoy the secrecy and distortion of news concerning their doings which they manage to manipulate in many free countries. The value of the Canal to Panama and the United States keeps official intelligence at a high level of alert. What happened in Honduras last spring could scarcely happen in Panama.

Red labor organizers based in Guatemala pulled a 100 percent strike of Honduras banana workers — enforced by roving bands of strong-arm goons. The strike took the banana companies and most of the banana workers and the

Honduras government by complete surprise. For several months, neither the companies nor government intermediaries could even find the proper persons with whom to discuss a strike settlement, while Honduras' major industry lay in a state of accelerating decay.

Panamanian official intelligence is vastly superior. The Panama National Police, U.S. military intelligence in the Canal Zone and the security division of the U.S. Canal Zone Administration work in close co-operation.

In addition, there is an enormous reserve of anti-communist feeling among the people of Panama (and elsewhere in Latin America) which is hungry for good information, and desirous to help in forestalling further red inroads in Latin America. This reservoir is much larger than might be assumed. There is a growing number of anti-totalitarian youth groups in Panama and other Latin countries, anxious to combat both Soviet and Argentine propaganda.

In 1950, Alfred Gauvin, an ex-GI civilian Army ordnance worker in the Canal Zone, started a Crusade for Freedom drive to raise funds for Radio Free Europe.

The \$10,000 that the Crusade raised in two years was the least of its achievements. Gauvin, a member of American Legion Post 1 in Balboa, C.Z., found himself with something too big to handle. His Panamanian Crusade for Freedom — strictly a fund-raising outfit for radioing behind the Iron Curtain — was enthusiastically mistaken by many Latins to be the long-awaited international, unofficial people's organization to combat communism everywhere.

Central and South American diplomats urged that the Crusade actively fight communism with information in their countries. The Crusade's New York office tentatively permitted Gauvin to go ahead and develop a Latin American Crusade, and Panama's Foreign Minister, Molino, acted as its "ambassador."

Civic leaders and plain people in Panama rallied to the idea. President Remón and his wife headed the masthead of sponsors. Shrimp fishermen, dock workers and barefoot country boys reported to Gauvin the latest moves of commie agitators. The grapevine extended into other countries, so that Gauvin was reporting crossroads commie doings in many Latin countries to the local authorities and the Crusade office in New York.

New York sent down basic information on international communism that was translated into Spanish. Gauvin and Tomas Diaz say that volunteer Crusaders in Panama distributed upwards of two million copies of Crusade releases in Spanish in two years. Diaz publishes *The Democratic Front*, joint

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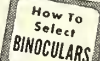
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But the enthusiasm over the Crusade in other Latin countries put Gauvin in the sphere of higher diplomacy. As a lower echelon U.S. Civil Service worker, he was over his head. Honduras issued Gauvin a diplomatic visa. Peru's elderly Ambassador Zevellos, retiring to his native land, sought permission to organize the Crusade in Peru.

Gauvin wrote desperately to the Crusade in New York to send a competent man down and see the snowball they'd started rolling. But the Crusade for Freedom in New York wasn't ready. It was a fund-raising adjunct to the Committee for a Free Europe, which had been privately formed at the suggestion of General Lucius Clay. The Committee hadn't counted on having an enthusiastic Latin America dropped in its lap. Reluctantly, Gauvin was asked to confine his activities to the Canal Zone, and the Latin American *Cruzada Pro Libertad* died aborning. But not before it revealed the huge reservoir of strong anti-communist feeling in Latin America looking for leadership.

VII

While unofficial anti-communism in Panama has more difficulty finding a rallying point than finding followers, official action against the reds is rough and getting rougher. During the years that its red activity flowered, Panama had had a succession of weak governments, with several overthrows caused by internal difficulties. Unstable governments are hesitant to move against the reds, and hesitant to develop national programs that inspire general confidence.

Since 1940, Panama's two strongest presidents have been Arnulfo Arias, coffee and lumber man from Chiriqui Province, and today's President, Jose Antonio Remón, former head of the National Police. Arias, unfortunately for him, sought to exercise more strength than he had and was twice ousted from the presidency by popular demand. In 1940 he was driven into exile when he guessed that Germany would win World War II, and tried to adopt a policy of neutrality.

Returning to office in 1949, after a weird chain of events that are a story in themselves, Arias was again driven out when he overreached his passion for power and arbitrarily ordered the revocation of a very popular national constitution. For this last prank, Arias has been deprived of all political rights.

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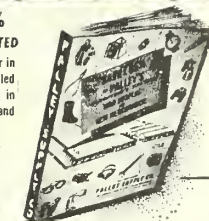
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Remón—known affectionately as Chichi—is a bluff, convivial, two-fisted, rough and ready gent. His wife, Doña Cecilia, is a stateswoman in her own right, an attractive, active first lady known throughout Panama as Doña Ceci.

During his first two years in office, Remón took vigorous steps to cement the stability of the Republic, to improve its once-shaky financial condition; to wipe out traditional tax-abuses enjoyed by the well-to-do; to gain all possible advantages from the U.S. Canal operation; to broaden Panama's economic base by encouraging new industry, and thus lessen the nation's 400-year-old over-dependence on its position as an inter-ocean highway; to improve the national health level, and to throttle the gnawing of the communists.

The Remón regime is building feeder roads inland to help interior development. A national campaign against tuberculosis and the opening of many new rural health centers mark progress to raise Panama's health levels.

Indifferent to clichés that the United Fruit Company is some sort of Yankee ogre, Remón is reported to be entirely willing to encourage more United Fruit development on the coast of the wild, unsettled eastern end of the country. United Fruit operates two plantations at the western end of the nation. Last June, Bill Mais, United Fruit representative in Panama City, tendered a \$2 million fruit company income tax check to the Panama treasury, and the 1953 United Fruit report shows \$14,097,680.28 ploughed into the Panama economy from the operation of its present plantations.

Remón has sent a mission to Washington to review the Canal Treaty and get the best possible break from the U.S. in terms of more economic advantages to Panama from the Canal.

Canal problems make a story in themselves, about which nobody is especially happy. Panama wants more advantages from the Canal than it is getting under the present treaty. The U.S. General Accounting office wants the Canal to be self-supporting, which angers both the Panamanians and the Canal Zone workers. Panama and the Zone workers are at odds over where the Zone workers should trade, with Panama insisting that Zone commissaries reduce the line of goods offered, and the Zone people complaining that

they'd be priced to the poorhouse if they were forced to buy in Panama. Panama wants Panamanians who work in the Zone to get the same pay as U.S. workers, and interprets the higher rate paid U.S. workers to entice them to work in the Zone as "racial discrimination."

So far, no party to all these differences of opinion has felt that he should go to Moscow for the answer. However, when things have fared badly for Remón in the present discussions of the Canal treaty in Washington, he has publicly said that U.S. policies "encourage communism." The complaint that the two different rates of pay in the Zone is "racial discrimination" is also a noise that the communists are happy to hear echoed.

In spite of these sounds of discontent with the U.S., Remón is as strong a man as the communists are apt to face in Central America. After spending the better part of 1952-53 reforming Panama's rickety national finances, he turned his guns to other things, including the communist doings.

His government passed Public Law 91 in December of last year. It outlawed communism and forbade the employment of known communists in government jobs. The law drove the People's Party underground, and under it, known communist teachers have been fired from government-run schools.

Professors Victor Hugo, Cesar De Leon and Chang Marín no longer teach.

Remón's regime also reformed the election laws, so that a party cannot get on the ballot or campaign without proof of substantial backing. This should help stabilize national politics, make it tough for a sub-rosa communist party to attain political legitimacy, and keep splinter groups from wielding the balance of power.

The anti-communist law causes some uneasiness, since it is the sort of law that could be put to easy political abuse. However, the regime has used restraint and kept the law in reserve. Nevertheless, there have been wholesale arrests of communists—under other laws.

Police raids on communist meetings do not result in arrests unless the reds adopt an attitude of defiance and hysterics against what they call "gestapo" tactics. If they do that, they are arrested for resisting peace officers or disturbing the peace.

Chang Marín is currently serving a jail sentence for resisting an officer. His arrest doesn't sit well in his native Santiago, where he is personally well-liked. Generally, however, there is no popular bellowing about civil liberties in the arrest of communists, though Panamanians are jealous of their liberties. Remón has been careful to let public education in communist conspiracy keep

abreast of his moves against the party. As long-time head of the national police, he has a store of interesting information with which to enlighten the public.

Students at the University were ready to raise a ruckus over "academic freedom" when their red professors were fired. Remón went straight to the school and spoke to the students. He gave them the inside dope on the meaning of the red teachers' activities. He was popular with the students, and returned again to brief them on various aspects of national policy.

One upshot of Remón's man-to-man confidences with the students was an anti-red rebellion in the student body. In fresh elections, marked by fistfights, left-wing leaders of the Student Union were unhorsed. The new student leaders severed connections with the International Student Union, based in Prague, Czechoslovakia, with which the ousted leaders had allied their organization.

VIII

In substance, Panama offers attractive but difficult soil for the reds to till. This is not true of all Latin countries — especially those with "one-crop" economies, those with large illiterate populations, or those with no middle class, where the gap between rich and poor is huge. The "one-crop" nations are subject to economic distress if the world market for the principle product drops. Chile is copper. Copper is down today and there's trouble in Chile with the commies clapping their hands. Bolivia is tin. Tin is down today and there's trouble in Bolivia with the commies clapping their hands.

It is not so true as is believed, that all who are miserably poor look to the communists for relief in Latin America or elsewhere. It is more true that ignorant people in distress who are offered free land and free money and perpetual happiness will follow the

leadership that offers it if they don't know the true nature of that leadership. Those who follow communism (except for the intellectuals and the ambitious would-be leaders) in Latin America today are not only poor, they know practically nothing about Soviet communism — being unread and untaught. And if they happen to be exceptionally poor, they also have little natural loyalty to anything but the fellow who promises them the most.

Information programs that are reliable and home-grown and reach the crossroads will — like the Crusade that crumbled — find many anti-communists among the poor in Latin America. Communism rules millions of the world's most miserable — using chaos and force as weapons. Communists seek power not by enlisting the miserable, but by seizing power over them in time of chaos.

Economic and political stability in Latin America would go far to prevent the sort of thing that happened in Guatemala, and that is brewing in Chile, up-country Brazil and elsewhere. Most Latin countries have been politically unstable since they were first settled by Europeans. Political stability has come, where it has come, with more economic stability. It would be a good job if the Western Hemisphere would seriously tackle the problem of broadening the economic base of its smaller countries and thus reduce the potential for chaos. A Pan-American Economic Union has long been talked about, but little has come of the talk. Meanwhile, communism is not "contained" in Asia and behind the Curtain, as the recent events in Guatemala clearly showed. But communism has a rougher row to hoe in Central America than the late news would indicate. The reds were thrown out of Guatemala, and now it's up to the anti-communists to keep them out.

THE END



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Dizzy Game

Two old ladies arrived at a baseball game just as the batter hit a home run. They sat watching the game in silence until—several innings later—the same batter came up to bat and he hit another home run.

One of the ladies tapped the other on the shoulder and said,

"Let's go. This is where we came in."

— DAN BENNETT



"Here's a disturbing article: 'Married men live longer than bachelors!'"

Hard Luck Story

*He wrecked his car, he lost his job
And yet throughout his life
He took his troubles like a man:
He blamed them on his wife.*

— HELEN G. SUTIN

Leading Question

Junior suddenly glanced up from the magazine he was reading.

"Hey, Pop," he said, "What's a sweater girl?"

"Er-ar," stammered his father, "a sweater girl is a girl who works in a sweater factory. Where did you get that question?"

"Never mind the question, Pop," replied Junior. "Where did you get that answer?"

— F. G. KERNAN

A Sure Test

*To find out who your closest friends are,
try to borrow from them.*

— GLENN R. BERNHARDT

Share and Share Alike

The Russian mother launched into a bitter denunciation of the government, during which her son sat taking notes, his face



stern. When she had finished, with her ringing "Down with the party!" he rose and stalked out of the house.

His young sister, anxiously observing all of this, followed him out the door and caught up with him.

"Ilya, my brother," she asked, "Where are you going?"

"To party headquarters, of course, to report the shocking subversive statements we have just heard."

"But Ilya," she said pleadingly, "you've done enough for the party. You turned papa in. Let me turn in mama."

— LUKE NEILEY

It's Sweat Weather

*When summer's sun beats down from
heaven
With hellish heat, I dread it;
'Mean temperature of ninety-seven'
Mean temperature! You said it!*

— BERTON BRALEY

Daily Progress

The wife of a man who lived in a large city finally managed to persuade her husband to let her take driving lessons. So she attended a local driving instruction school and soon managed to learn to drive well

enough to obtain a driver's license. Then every day she was out in the family car, practicing her driving.

"How are you getting along with your driving now?" asked her husband one evening as they finished their dinner.

"Oh, fine!" bragged his wife. "I'm practicing out on the highway now. Yesterday I went sixty miles an hour and tomorrow I'm going to try to open my eyes when I pass another car."

— DAVE CASTLE

When Time Stands Still

The best ten years of a woman's life are between 35 and 36.

— D. O. FLYNN

Financial Point

"A fool and his money are easily parted."

*This statement I frequently started from.
But does anyone know how the fool got
the dough?*

That everyone says he is parted from?

— D. E. TWIGGS

I Saw It All

A divorce case was being tried and the judge was about to question the witness, a longtime friend of the couple.

"Tell me, sir," he began, "were you present when the trouble first began?"

"Yes, your honor," replied the witness. "I was best man at their wedding."

— FRANCIS GERARD

Sticker Stacker

Vacation is over

*His stickers are showing—
He can see where he's been
But not where he's going.*

— DOROTHY DALTON

How True!

"What happens," asked the science teacher, "when a body is immersed in water?"

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